

Moore survives Commons debate with barrage of statistics

Strike threat by nurses at eight hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Disillusioned nurses at eight London hospitals, encouraged by two recent Government climbdowns on NHS pay, are preparing for strike action over low wages. Some of them are from London's most famous hospitals.

The nurses have taken heart from the recent Government concessions on nurses' special duty payments and meal allowances for blood transfusion staff following industrial action.

NUPE nurses at three East London hospitals, and COHSE nurses at the Maudsley psychiatric hospital in south London, decided to ballot their members over a 24-hour strike action planned for the beginning of next month.

Earlier nurses at Charing Cross Hospital, in west London, also voted to hold a strike ballot and tomorrow nurses at three London teaching hospitals - the Middlesex, University College Hospital and the Royal Free - will vote on whether to ballot members on withdrawing their labour.

Nurses at Bethnal Green, St Clements Hospital and the London Hospital in east London will hold ballots this week for a day of action of February 3. Yesterday's decision was a direct result of growing demands for action from nurses following meetings of medical staff at the three hospitals.

Seven days a week had changed to weekday opening only.

"The NHS is underfunded. Recent pay awards to nurses have resulted in bed closures because the award has not been fully funded. This is a direct attack by the Government on our patients. Patients are not getting operations, the waiting lists are longer and there are fewer beds."

Mrs Moore said that the union, which has 400 nurse members, would do their best to safeguard patients during their strike and would negotiate first with management cover.

COHSE represents 265 of the 300 nurses at Maudsley. The hospital manager, Mr Eric Byers, admitted last night that operations would have to be cancelled and beds closed if the 24-hour strike went ahead.

He said that although nursing levels were down by 10 per cent the situation was no more critical than in recent months and he had not been forced to close beds. "I suspect that the union officers have seen the apparent success of other industrial disputes and think this is the best way to vent their anger. Although I have sympathy with the plight of nurses within the NHS this is not the way to go about it."

COHSE branch secretary Mr Morton said that members

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Pledge for more efficient service

By Robin Oakley

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, survived yesterday's Commons debate on the National Health Service staged by Labour. However, he is still on trial within his own party.

With Mrs Thatcher absent from the chamber, a croaky-voiced Mr Moore, still sounding far from well, announced no new policies or initiatives and had nothing to say about any inquiry into health service funding. Instead he concentrated, as the Prime Minister does in her weekly confrontations with Mr Neil Kinnock, on comparing the present government's achievements with those of the last Labour government.

Speaking against the threat of a massive 24-hour strike by 90,000 ancillary workers in Scotland within the next few weeks in protest against plans to privatize NHS ancillary services, he insisted that it was no use the Government putting more money into the NHS until more effective use of existing resources was made.

He said the Government's efforts to improve the health service would be concentrated on six objectives. Those included the achievement of greater efficiency gains, encouraging health authorities to make full use of income-generating opportunities and encouraging them to use the spare capacity of other authorities where it was cost-effective to do so.

Mr Moore also wants to improve accounting systems, the supply of information to patients and hopes for an increase in the amount of total resources devoted to health care in the private sector. In France that is 2.7 per cent of gross domestic product, in Canada 2.1, in Germany 1.8 per cent. In Britain, it is a mere 0.5 per cent.

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Critting his teeth in the face of continuing opposition: Mr Moore, after his defence of government health service policy in the Commons yesterday (Photograph: James Gray).

Steel declaration demanded

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

Mr David Steel is being pressed to declare at the Liberal Assembly on Saturday whether he will stand for the leadership of any merged party.

Most senior officials feel that the Liberal leader should bow out once a deal with the Social Democratic Party is completed.

However, the whole merger process is still in danger of collapsing because of fears that the Liberal assembly may fail to provide the 66 per cent support required to approve any deal.

Last night, one top Liberal said: "It will be tough and go".

At the same time, Liberal leaders believe that Mr Robert MacLennan, the SDP leader, has jeopardized the prospects of Liberal backing for the deal by insisting that the widely denounced policy document issued by the two leaders last week was far from dead.

His statement will give further ammunition to Liberal anti-merger groups who are already claiming that a hidden SDP agenda will resurface. The anti-merger groups are claiming more than 50 per cent of the delegates' votes.

Some supporters of Mr Steel feel that he could revive his leadership prospects if he can swing the assembly behind the merger deal with the necessary two thirds majority.

A poll of Liberal supporters, taken by Harris last Friday, shows support for Mr at 48 per cent with 16 per cent

Mr Paddy Ashdown, 6 per cent for Mr MacLennan and 4 per cent for Mr Charles Kennedy. The actual vote, of course, will be taken by party members, rather than supporters.

Mr Steel's friends were saying yesterday that he was still undecided about whether to go for the leadership of the new party but was now marginally more likely not to stand.

Liberal organizers are particularly alarmed by what will happen if a clear majority of the assembly backs the merger but without achieving the 66 per cent required. It could result in a further extension of the merger marathon.

On Mr Steel's future, there

is a growing feeling among senior figures in the party that continuity with the past no longer matters and that the new party would be much better off with a new leader.

The assembly is to decide the merger question at about 6pm on Saturday; delegates will stay in Blackpool on Sunday, ostensibly to discuss the setting up of the new party, but, in reality, in case the whole process degenerates.

Mr MacLennan, meanwhile, provoked a new dispute with the Liberals after insisting that his policy ideas were still on the agenda.

Only hours after Mr Des Wilson, the former Liberal president, dismissed the MacLennan-Steel manifesto as being "in the dustbin", the SDP leader maintained that there could be no "sacred cow" as the proposed new party faced up to policy questions.

Mr MacLennan said that its proposals for extending value-added tax to items such as children's clothing and food, and for retaining the Trident nuclear deterrent, had not been obliterated by the com-

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Courage of Whitbread winner

Christopher Nolan, who, because he is spastic, can neither speak nor hear nor move himself, won Britain's most valuable literary award, the Whitbread Book of the Year, last night for his fictionalized autobiography, *Under The Eye Of The Clock*. He wins a total of £20,000.

Mr Nolan, aged 21, from Dublin, has been mute and paralyzed since birth. Everything he writes has to be typed out on a word processor with a pointer strapped to his forehead.

He suffered severe brain damage at birth when his oxygen supply was cut off but what was left within his paralyzed body was a brilliant mind which has in the past two years seen him hailed as one of the most talented writers in Britain.

He has won awards for a book of poems and in November for his autobiography *Under The Eye Of The Clock*.

It was not until he was 11, when an occupational therapist gave him a typewriter and a new drug, Lioresal, allowing him to relax his muscles enough to move his head, that his talent was allowed to emerge.

IN PART 2
Bank cleared
The Bank of England gave a blanket clearance to Standard Chartered Bank after an inquiry into allegations that it had used illegal tactics in fighting off a £1.3 million bid by Lloyds Bank. Page 21

Maxwell bar
Mr Robert Maxwell has been prevented from buying Watford Football Club unless he sells most of his interests in Derby County, Oxford United and Reading. Page 44

Portfolio Gold
● There is £8,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner yesterday.
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Irish Supreme Court ends IRA safe haven

By John Cooney

The Irish Supreme Court yesterday struck a legal blow against the IRA by ruling that its members are not immune from extradition to Northern Ireland by pleading that their offences were politically motivated to end British rule. The decision is a serious setback to the IRA's use of the Republic as "a safe haven".

It also marks a milestone in Irish legal history by ruling that the IRA aims to subvert institutions in the Republic.

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Smugglers nourish Gaza's spirit of resistance

From Ian Murray, Jabaliyah Camp, Gaza

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cordon, which has been put up to try to seal the camp off from the outside world since January 13. Inside I was able to talk to some of the residents.

"Saed" has a photograph of his two-year-old son on the wall of his camp house. It is framed with Palestinian flags. His father fled to the camp from Barabara, a village near Ashkelon, in 1948. "He sometimes goes back there to cry," says Saed.

He does not believe he will leave the camp even if there is an independent Palestine. "We struggle for freedom, not for a house," he says.

For the past week he has not changed his clothes. "There is no point. We stay indoors reading books and listening to the news. If anyone just looks outside the soldiers can come and beat him. If anyone goes in

Broadcasting shake-up for 1990s 'Auction' for radio stations

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Three new national radio stations proposed by the Government yesterday for the 1990s will be run by whoever submits the largest cash offer for each franchise, it emerged last night.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has decided that subject to the new operators showing they can provide a variety of choice for listeners, the contracts should go to people who submit the biggest "sealed bid".

Mr Hurd's plans also provide for:

- Several hundred new "community" radio stations which will not be bound by public service obligations;
- The creation of a new "light-touch" radio authority to regulate and assign frequencies;
- Deregulation of Britain's existing 50 local commercial stations.

Mr Hurd said: "There are many tastes and interests which existing services can at best satisfy only to a limited extent. New frequencies will soon be available for broadcasting. In due course several hundred new stations are in prospect."

"All these services will be free of the existing constricting statutory requirements which have applied to independent local radio. They will instead be subject to light regulation designed to protect the consumer rather than direct the broadcaster."

The Home Secretary's proposals will be included in the Government's first Broadcasting Bill to be introduced in the Commons this November. It should be law by the summer of 1989 and the first of the new national stations could be broadcasting by 1990.

Licences for the national stations will be awarded over a number of years, rather than all at once, and they will last

for eight years. No group or individual will be allowed to own more than one national station or six local stations. There will also be a limit - probably 20 per cent - on the shareholding newspapers can hold in the radio services and vice versa. Ownership will be limited to the EEC.

● Soviet telephone switchboards are being jammed frequently by callers trying to get through to the BBC in London now that deliberate interference with the corporation's Russian Language service has ended.

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Revenue boosts hope of tax cuts

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Government accounts for the first nine months of the financial year confirm that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is on course for sizeable tax cuts in the Budget.

Yesterday Mr Lawson underlined the virtues of reducing the role of Government and leaving more money in people's pockets. In a wide-ranging speech to the Centre for Policy Studies reviewing the changes in political ideas from the Attlee government to the present day, he restated what he called the moral case for capitalism.

Self-improvement, he said, was a basic human instinct, and transferring decision-making from state to citizen brought practical benefits. It was not in any way immoral for the State to take less from the citizen in the way of taxes.

Yesterday's figures suggest the Chancellor could have scope for tax cuts of between £3 billion and £5 billion while keeping Government borrowing next year to nil. That would allow him to cut the basic rate of income tax by 2p to the target rate of 25p in the pound and also bring down the higher rates.

The Treasury is also discussing changes in taxing husbands and wives, which may involve making tax allowances partially transferable.

The public sector borrowing requirement last month was £248 million, producing a cumulative surplus on the public sector accounts of about £400 million. The remainder of the financial year always produces a surge of revenue as companies pay their tax bills, so the Government is expected to finish 1987-88 in surplus by about £1 billion to £1.5 billion.

"All the signs are that we are seeing a very strong rise in revenue both from the personal sector and from companies," said Mr Keith Skeoch of James Capel, the stockbroker. "This will carry through into next year, giving the Chancellor scope for tax cuts of at least £3 billion."

Other economic indicators released yesterday suggested that dangers of the economy overheating were subsiding. This will encourage Mr Lawson to cut taxes rather than borrowing.

Manufacturing output in November fell by 0.5 per cent, tending to confirm evidence from the high street that demand was falling back. Over the past year, however, it has risen sharply with a 6 per cent increase in the latest three months on a year earlier.

Productivity fell slightly with the drop in output but remained 6.6 per cent above the level of a year earlier.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ballots cut total of official strikes

The number of strikes last year started after unions balloted members is likely to be the second lowest since 1940. Figures are expected to show next month that fewer than 1,000 separate strikes were called in 1987.

Up to November last year, the total number of strikes stood at 971. The figure has not dropped below 1,000 a year since 1940, except in 1985 when a total of 903 strikes were called. Ministers will use the statistics to show that their policies governing the calling of official strikes are working.

A total of 3,392,000 working days was lost in the 11 months up to the end of November last year, compared with the 1986 total of 1.9 million days. However, the 1987 figures are less than one-third of the yearly average of working days lost between 1975 and 1985.

British industrialists were urged to reduce the number of trade unions they must negotiate with by Mr Alistair Graham, director of the Industrial Society.

Child case TV boost man hired to charity

Mr Martin Ruddock, the social worker at the centre of the *Kimberley Carline* case, is to take up a similar post in London with a voluntary organization, it was confirmed yesterday.

His appointment to the Family Service Unit was frozen pending the inquiry into the child's death.

Mr Louis Bloom-Cooper, QC, who conducted the inquiry, recommended that Mr Ruddock should never again "perform any of the statutory functions in relation to child protection" but described him as "intelligent, conscientious".

Airlines act on drugs

International airlines are co-operating with customs officials by using high technology to combat drug smuggling.

Faced with fines of up to 1,000 dollars for each ounce of cocaine discovered on board their aircraft in the United States, the airlines are now pressing governments and customs authorities to invest in the latest electronic equipment to detect drug caches before and after flights.

The airlines, acting through the International Air Transport Association (IATA), have drawn up a joint action plan which includes the use of closed-circuit television.

Ruling on Oil slick inquiry lawyers

Firms of solicitors who feared they would be forced to close branch offices in Europe by a judgement of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg yesterday said the ruling seemed to have stopped short of barring them from practising abroad.

The court held that a lawyer who wants to set up in another country and draft pleadings or undertake advocacy must qualify as a lawyer of that member state. The ruling leaves unanswered the position of lawyers who set up branch offices in Europe to act as English lawyers.

Week cut by 6 hours

Trade union demands for a shorter working week were strengthened yesterday when it was disclosed that workers at two Michelin plants are to have a six-hour cut.

Over the past two years the number of agreements reducing basic hours have substantially declined, prompting the TUC to renew its campaign for a 35-hour week without loss of pay. Trade union officials are delighted that Britain's biggest union, the Transport and General Workers, has signed a deal with Michelin, the French tyre group, cutting their 37½-hour working week to 31½ hours.

French to back ferry stoppages

By David Sapsted

French and British seamen's unions are prepared to mount joint industrial action for the first time in an attempt to stop massive crew cuts which they claim could "severely jeopardize passenger safety" on cross-Channel ferries.

Both the National Union of Seamen and the merchant officers' union, Numbast, yesterday accused P & O European Ferries - which took over Townsend Thoresen - of putting cost savings above safety.

Last night P & O vehemently denied that safety was being put at risk and said the reductions would not result in any cuts in the number of crew on board a ferry.

The NUS is organizing ship-board ballots on all 11 of P & O's cross-Channel ferries at Dover this week on the question of industrial action over company proposals to shed about 400 seamen's jobs.

If the seamen decide on industrial action, the NUS has secured co-operation with French port unions which could mean a total shutdown.

Numbast is to meet the company to oppose plans for 187 redundancies among officers, almost a third of the present strength.

P & O said: "Crew members work an average of 80 days a year and that is simply unacceptable."

A ferry has been operating between Liverpool and Belfast with water leaking in through its bow doors, it was disclosed yesterday. Belfast Car Ferries said the leak was repaired after two days.

Military protection for nature

By David Sapsted

The Ministry of Defence has undertaken to improve nature conservation on 682,000 acres of military land.

In a deal signed with the Nature Conservancy Council yesterday, the ministry agreed to manage sites of special scientific interest and to maintain wildlife and geological interests.

For its part, the conservancy council will give advice on management plans and help military conservation groups.

Protection of flora and fauna is already given high priority at some bases.

An underground ammunition dump at Chilmark Royal Air Force station near Salisbury, Wiltshire, has been declared the most important bat sanctuary in Britain.

More than 2,000 bats are thought to spend the winter months hibernating in the dump.

Psychiatrists oppose Alton's abortion Bill

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many thousands of young mentally handicapped women and their unborn children could face "enormous tragedies" if the law is changed to reduce the time limit for legal abortions to 18 weeks, senior members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists said yesterday.

The college, representing more than 7,000 psychiatrists, voiced "deep apprehension" about the legislation proposed by Mr David Alton, the Liberal MP whose Abortion (Amendment) Bill has its second reading on Friday.

The psychiatrists told a news conference in London yesterday that if the Bill became law, more women who were mentally handicapped were likely to give

birth to children that they were incapable of looking after.

The risks existed because of the sexual vulnerability of the women, the associated problems of contraception, and the difficulties in detecting their pregnancies at an early stage.

Dr Yvonne Wiley, a consultant psychiatrist in Stapleton, Bristol, said: "Our main concern is to protect the interests of mentally handicapped women."

The college believes that the time limit should remain at 28 weeks but, if Mr Alton's Bill becomes law, it wants an exclusion clause that would allow the mentally handicapped to have abortions at a later stage.

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Japanese embassy to study labour relations

Union tackles 'Samurai bosses'

By Staff Reporters

High-ranking Japanese embassy officials have agreed to visit Wales to study claims that a new style of "Samurai management" is threatening to destroy the image of their companies in Britain.

The decision came as Mrs Thatcher urged the Japanese Government to make a greater effort to cut its trade surplus with Britain.

Reports published this week, however, show that hostility towards Japanese techniques have failed to affect the level of investment in UK industry and that, when it comes to collaboration between London and Tokyo, British universities are ahead of their counterparts in industry.

Yesterday's agreement by Japanese embassy officials was hailed as "historic" by Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union in Wales, but his initiative was criticized by the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU).

During his 90-minute meeting in London with Mr Isao Aoki, a first secretary of the embassy, Mr Wright said that some newer Japanese com-

panies in Wales were destroying labour relations.

He said: "Wales has its own history, culture and traditions and, whereas attempts by Japanese companies to establish a homogenized workforce may succeed in Scotland, they will not work in the South Wales valleys."

The 10 or 11 Japanese companies in Wales had established well structured and well regulated industrial relations practices that took into account local traditions, but since then new anti-union companies had been established and had a far poorer industrial relations record.

Mr Wright, in a criticism of the electricians union, said: "Where these companies have been unable to get a non-union shop, they have struck deals with a neutered union acting as a policeman over the workforce."

He said that his union recruited members to the new factories and they were then "poached, plundered and corralled" into the EETPU because of its policy of signing no-strike deals.

However, Mr David Bennett, an area official of the EETPU, dismissed Mr Wright's claims as "nonsense". He said: "We have established ourselves

with Japanese companies because we are progressive."

Mr Aoki said the Japanese Government could do little to influence strategies employed by individual companies, but it was anxious to maintain good labour relations and he would therefore be happy to visit Wales to hold further discussions.

Examples of labour hostility towards Japanese management techniques, and the poor performance of some domestic manufacturers supplying components to Japanese companies, have failed to make any noticeable impact on Japan's apparent determination to continue increasing its foreign investment in Britain as the main outlet for its exports to Europe.

In the past 16 years since YKK Fasteners established the first Japanese subsidiary in Rumor, which was rapidly followed by such household names as Sony, Matsushita and Hitachi, no less than 650 Japanese companies have located themselves in almost every sector of the British economy.

Japan, with investments in the manufacturing sector in excess of 4 billion dollars in 1987, is now the third largest foreign investor in

Britain, following the US and West Germany. About one third of all Japanese foreign investment finds its way to the UK.

In addition to the sudden increase in Japanese investment, there has also been a rapid rise in the number of Japanese expatriates resident in Britain, with an estimated 25,000 Japanese nationals now living and working in the UK.

When it comes to UK-Japan collaboration, however, British universities have been quicker to build links with Japan than British industry, according to a government-commissioned Royal Society report.

The interim report, commissioned by the Cabinet Office and the Japan-UK 2000 group of businessmen, politicians and academics, studied nearly 200 separate collaborations between British universities and Japan.

At a conference at the weekend, the Royal Society told government officials and politicians that the British universities were found to be twice as likely as their industrial British counterparts to make the first approach to their Japanese partners.

ON SATURDAY



Property: the east side story

The latest developments of luxury flats converted from abandoned warehouses are coming on to the market in parts of London's East End which had escaped gentrification. On Saturday the full colour Times Property Guide looks at what they have to offer

Scots health unions will call 90,000 out on strike

By Kerry Gill

The biggest stoppage by health unions in Scotland is to be staged within the next few weeks in protest at the Government's plans to privatize hospital ancillary services.

A 24-hour strike will cover the whole of Scotland and is expected to involve as many as 90,000 ancillary workers, including nurses. The decision to hold the stoppage, which will be accompanied by demonstrations and rallies, was taken by a meeting of the health and social services committee of the Scottish Trades Union Congress in Glasgow last night.

Unions will also ask the British Medical Association in Scotland and the Royal College of Nursing to lend their support to the fight to stop privatization of services, although neither organization will be asked to take strike action.

Mr Ron Curran, Scottish national officer of Nupse, the biggest health service union in Scotland with 35,000 members, said a date was yet to be fixed for the stoppage, but insisted that hospitals would be left with emergency cover.

"This meeting has been held in a climate of potential explosion within the health services," he said. He hoped both the BMA and the Royal College of Nursing would be prepared to meet a delegation from the Scottish TUC asking for their backing to the unions' campaign.

Mr Bill Speirs, assistant secretary of the Scottish TUC, said his organization did not want industrial action to continue one hour, let alone one day, longer than necessary.

The campaign launched last night, to be recommended to the unions and joint trades union committees, will call for an immediate end to co-operation with health boards on efficiency studies, and a

series of meetings with other unions to explain the health unions' position.

The strike within the Scottish health service was sparked off by an instruction from the Government to health boards to start preparing a programme of competitive tendering - privatization.

So far no ancillary services have been put out to tender in Scotland. However, after instructions from Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary at the Scottish Office, most boards have decided to comply with his request.

Mr Speirs said that public opinion was behind the unions as most people believed the health service was under severe threat from the Government. Opinion polls would be organized to demonstrate this support, he said.

"The health service is an issue where the political wind has always been with those who have been judged to have the best interests of the health service at heart."

Meanwhile, striking ancillary workers at Edinburgh's biggest hospital for the mentally handicapped, Gogarburn Hospital, have been told by Mr Winston Taylor, Lothian Health Board's general manager, to return to work or face dismissal.

● Gloucestershire Area Health Authority yesterday voted to close the Cotswold Geriatric Hospital at Tetbury.

● Mr Roy Lawrence, aged 61, of Woodseaves, Staffordshire, has died after being given the wrong blood during a routine operation at North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke. Officials are conducting an inquiry.

September 26: The new Secretary of State for Social Services, John Moore, calls for less dependency on the welfare state.

October 8: Addressing the Conservative Party conference, Mr Moore calls for a mixed economy in the NHS.

November 24: The case of David Barber, the boy who had his hole in the heart operation cancelled five times at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, is raised in the House of Commons.

November 25: Government

Moonlighting in the NHS Tebbit renews attacks

By Peter Mulligan

Mr Norman Tebbit renewed his criticism yesterday of the "nonsense" of NHS nurses "moonlighting", in spite of the disclosure that the former Conservative party chairman had employed such staff to care for his wife after she was crippled in the Brighton bombing.

Although Mr Tebbit emphasized that he was not opposed to moonlighting, he said on Radio 4's *World at One*: "It seems a nonsense to me that nurses willing to work overtime are not able to work it in their own hospital but they can if they moonlight in another hospital. It seems a silly way to run a service."

Mr Tebbit attracted nurses' anger after a speech last weekend when he appeared to criticize moonlighting. Then Miss Sally Pike, aged 28, said that in her spare time she had looked after Mrs Margaret Tebbit, who was left partially paralysed by the IRA's Brighton bomb.

Miss Pike, a sister at the accident and emergency department of St George's Hospital, south London, described Mr Tebbit's remarks as "stupid and upsetting".

"I am incensed at the way nurses are being treated but this has done it for me. This has hit the bone - from someone I have helped. The one reason we moonlight is because we need the money."

Miss Pike was reacting to a speech on Friday in which Mr Tebbit had asked if ministers knew the whereabouts of 64,000 extra nurses who had been appointed. He asked how many now used the extra time off from the shorter working week, which the Government had given them, to moonlight.

Miss Pike earns a basic salary of £10,000 a year as a hospital sister with 10 years' nursing experience.

Mr Tebbit's speech to the Conservative Association dinner at Weybridge, Surrey, on Friday has also been attacked by the Royal College of Nursing.

The college said most nurses worked unpaid overtime every week and those who moonlighted with agencies did so out of financial necessity.

primarily a London problem and it springs from the fact that nurses in London are being under-paid in relation to nurses elsewhere.

"As it happens, last year the Government's evidence to the pay board was ignored because the Government said they were being underpaid compared to nurses elsewhere and there should be a differential."

"What we have is a system which means hospitals actually say to nurses that work there that 'no, you cannot work overtime', but they take on extra girls."

"It is the system that is bloody barmy."

much of the overcharging occurred on "cost-plus" contracts, in which final prices were agreed only after work had finished, a practice now being abandoned.

The ministry has introduced a new strategy for co-ordinating action on suspected fraud and for making departments work more closely to identify it. "Fraud awareness" seminars have also been started.

The increase in the number of reported frauds has led to only one successful prosecution, but the ministry has taken action in more than a dozen cases. It has debared companies from further contracts, warned others, and obtained refunds.

The hearing continues today.

● Copies of *Spycatcher* are being sold directly to the British public for the first time by Harvey's Discount Bookshops.

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Miss Sally Pike, who "moonlighted" to help Mrs Margaret Tebbit to recover from her Brighton bomb injuries.

Mr Tebbit refused to discuss Miss Pike's care for his wife. He said: "I am not going to comment on what she said because apart from anything else there is the question of breaking a trust."

"However, I do wish people would listen to what one says. There was nothing there [in his speech] that criticized the nurses."

"One is asking for answers. Is it a sensible way to manage a system that results in what is happening? That was my question."

"If you want the answer to that question it must be that we have a system that puts nurses in that position. It is

in Leeds over a deal to cut wage allowances.

January 12: Government drops flat rate pay proposals for nurses' special duty payments.

January 14: Government and unions reach interim agreement over allowances for blood transfusion staff.

January 18: Children from Birmingham lobby 10 Downing Street for more nurses.

January 19: Mr Moore defends Government's record of support for the NHS.

for £300 million extra funding, signed by 1,000 hospital doctors, is presented to Downing Street.

December 22: Mrs Thatcher rules out food and accommodation charges for patients.

January 7: Nurses strike in Manchester over proposals to cut special duty payments.

January 7: Mr Kimock calls for extra £1.3 billion and Rhodes Boyson, Tory backbencher, calls for the NHS to be privatized.

January 11: Blood transfusion workers start industrial action

Long-term unemployed

'It pays to work' campaign

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is planning a campaign to cut the numbers of long-term unemployed amid growing optimism that unemployment will continue to fall for the next 12 months and beyond.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, is to launch a campaign to persuade the unemployed they will not lose financially by taking a job.

Many unemployed people already wrongly believe themselves to be better off on benefit, according to ministers. That belief is growing because of the changes in the benefit system on April 1 when supplementary benefit and family income supplement will be replaced by the

new system of income support and family credit.

Mr Fowler, who was responsible for the benefit changes during his period as Secretary of State for Social Services, is to mount a big publicity exercise to tell people in lower-paid jobs that they will still be eligible for the assistance available in the past.

There will be advertising campaign on television and in the newspapers and posters in job centres will explain the new system.

The Government's message will be that it pays to work.

Crown's 'trump card' in Spycatcher hearing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government's case that members of the security service have a life-long duty to maintain confidentiality is a "trump card" for which the press has no "super trump", the Court of Appeal hearing the *Spycatcher* case was told yesterday.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for the Attorney General, said the fact that a secret service insider had produced allegations of iniquity did not amount to a "super trump".

The Government is contesting a ruling in the High Court last month by Mr Justice Scott, who refused to impose a permanent ban on press reports of material from *Spycatcher*.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, for

The Sunday Times, which,

with *The Guardian* and the *Observer* is contesting the Government's appeal, said the press had always accepted that Mr Wright was under a life-long duty of confidence.

He told Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, who is hearing the appeal with Lord Justices Dillon and Bingham, that Mr Justice Scott had ruled there was a need both to maintain confidence in the security service and a competing public interest in free expression.

The hearing continues today.

Paperboy may have been abducted after other attacks failed

By Craig Seton

Detectives investigating the disappearance of a paperboy fear that he may have been abducted by a man who had already made two kidnapping attempts.

Stuart Gough, aged 14, vanished during his paper round in the village of Hagley, near Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, on Sunday.

Yesterday, Richard Holden, aged 18, from Wellington, in the south of the county, described how he fought off an attack by a black or Asian man who dragged him with chloroform 36 hours earlier.

Another Hagley paperboy, also aged 14, told how he hid from a black man who stalked him on his paper round the day before Stuart disappeared.

Mr Holden, who works in a slaughterhouse in Hereford, was riding to Wellington late on Friday when his assailant knocked him to the ground, only a few hundred yards from his home. "He put a knife at my throat and dragged me with chloroform", Mr Holden said.

When he came to he was in

the back of the man's car in an orchard close to his home and, shortly afterwards, his attacker stripped him to the waist.

"He then marched me up the orchard. I was still drowsy but I think the fresh air brought me round and I struggled with him. I kicked him in the groin and threw him against a tree and ran off. It was terrifying. I think he would probably have killed me."

Another Hagley paperboy, Anthony Dingley, told how he armed himself with stones when a motorist followed him after asking for directions on Saturday morning.

Anthony said the man was black, aged about 25, and drove a dirty silver Datsun car. "I was just terrified at the time. I was just thinking what I was going to do if he tried to get me into the car", he said.

Anthony, who was in the same year as Stuart at Haybridge High School, Hagley, said that, during his round, he spotted the man five times, less than half a mile from

where Stuart vanished. "After he passed me three times I became frightened and hid behind a bush."

When a mail van drove up, he felt safer and ran home, but he did not tell his mother, Mrs Susan Dingley, aged 43, because he feared she would make him stop his round. The first she knew of her son's encounter was when police called during house-to-house inquiries.

Chief Supt Tony Warren, of West Mercia police, said yesterday that the man was spotted by a woman in Hagley four hours after he approached Anthony.

He said he was keeping an open mind about whether the attack on Mr Holden near Hereford was linked to Stuart's disappearance.

Yesterday, as frogmen searched local ponds and rivers and a helicopter and light plane joined the hunt, a former paperboy, aged 15, re-enacted the last known movements of the missing boy.

The mother of the boy who staged the police reconstruction said she had volunteered her son for the task because he had been forced to give up his own paper round after being followed on 15 occasions by a man in a car. Those incidents had happened in the Halesowen area of the West Midlands before Christmas and are not connected with Stuart's disappearance.

Individuals have offered West Mercia police £20,000 to be used as a reward for information leading to Stuart's whereabouts. Chief Supt Warren said the offers would not be accepted while they still felt the investigation was about a missing youth. "But, the longer it goes on the more likely it is that we are dealing with an abduction", he said.

Police hunting the attacker of a paperboy aged 14 believe they have found the car in which she was kidnapped.

Cheshire police would only confirm that they were now seeking a man in connection with the attack.

The girl was abducted on Friday morning during her round in the village of Cuddington, near Northwich, by a man in a white car posing as a police officer.



A Hagley boy (left) taking part in a reconstruction of Stuart Gough's last movements, a sketch (right) of the man police are seeking, and Anthony Dingley (top right), who was followed by a man during his paper round on Saturday.



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Travel by rail is a standing shame

By Rodney Cowton and Gregory Weingarten

Passengers yesterday complained of gross overcrowding on British Rail services, particularly to the West Country. They spoke of having to travel in the lavatory and having to use a seat from a station platform placed in a guard's van.

The criticisms are highlighted in *Transport Review*, published by the National Union of Railwaymen, which quotes a guard saying it is "not unusual for a train to have 400 seated passengers and 600 standing". The figures are disputed by British Rail, but other sources acknowledged there could be 200 standing.

Mr Ian Nelder, secretary of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for western England, said that shortly before Christmas he had caught the 18.45 from Paddington to Swansea, and "the only way I could get on the train was by going into the loo". The number of overcrowding complaints received by his committee had risen by about 95 per cent since last spring.

Mr Andre Gren commutes daily from his home in Swindon, Wiltshire, to London on what he calls British Rail's "misery line". He said: "The situation is appalling. After a long day's work I have to stand on a train for 50 minutes. It is a real drag, especially when a season ticket costs more than £2,000."

British Rail confirmed that at Tannum a platform seat was put in a guard's van because no other seating was available and acknowledged the overcrowding between Swindon and Bristol. It said passenger traffic to Bristol had risen 14 per cent over the past two years and it took time to respond if new rolling stock became necessary.

The service would be improved this year, with several trains having eight coaches instead of seven, and a service with a 15-minute frequency between Paddington and Swindon at morning and evening rush hours would be introduced in May.

Captain 'wanted to kill wife'

An Army captain became so worried by an obsession to murder his wife that he decided to kill himself, a court martial was told yesterday.

Captain Robin Riall, aged 31, deserted his post at the Royal Army Pay Corps training centre at Worthy Down in Hampshire for two weeks in October last year, because of emotional strain.

He drove to Dover, where he considered suicide, the hearing at Aldershot, Hampshire, was told, then visited France and Italy.

"His obsession with killing his wife reached back into his childhood", Mr Richard Sampson, counsel for the defence, said.

"The problem lay in his relationship with his mother. He had never been able to go to her for help. The old frustrations and resentments were channelled into thoughts against his wife."

The court martial deprived Captain Riall of one year's seniority as a captain, subject to confirmation.

Bicentennial fashion



Bruce Oldfield, one of Britain's top designers, with one of the outfits he will be exhibiting at a bicentennial fashion show at Sydney Opera House on January 31.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to attend the show, organized by the International Wool Secretariat.

Jean Muir and Bruce Oldfield are representing Britain, and other designers include Donna Karen and Oscar de la Renta from New York.

Gianni Versace and Rosita and Ottavio Missoni from Milan, and Claude Montana, Sonia Rykiel and Kenzo from Paris.

Bruce Oldfield's collection of 20 garments is in vibrant colours of yellow, red, cerise and turquoise. He has translated his clever draping and rucking techniques, which are his trademark, into day and evening wear in fabrics of coat wool jersey and crepe.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Search for an Aids vaccine suffers setback

By Thomson Prentice and Alan McGregor

The importance of British efforts to produce an Aids vaccine was underlined yesterday with the admission of a serious setback by leading French researchers.

Professor Luc Montagnier, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, told a World Health Organization meeting in Geneva that test vaccinations of chimpanzees had failed to protect them against Aids.

Dr Jonathan Mann, director of the health organization's special programme on Aids, said the problems raised doubts over whether it was appropriate to start tests on human volunteers with a compound that did not protect animals.

Latest estimates from the health organization suggested that the worldwide total of Aids cases would reach about 300,000 this year, although only 75,000 cases have been officially reported.

Professor Montagnier, head of one of the two scientific groups credited with identifying the virus, said: "One cannot say today if we shall ultimately have a vaccine against Aids. The problem is far from resolved."

He has joined other researchers in France and the United States in failing to protect chimpanzees against infection by the virus with the use of a vaccine-based compound. The setback does not mean the abandonment of this approach.

However, Professor William Jarrett, head of an Aids research project at Glasgow University, said yesterday he believed an effective vaccine was still attainable. He and colleagues have employed a different strategy, involving genetic engineering, which has already produced a successful vaccine against leukaemia in cats, caused by a virus closely related to the Aids virus.

"We rejected the vaccination approach a long time ago and are not surprised that it has run into problems", he said.

"We don't intend to test chimpanzees. I believe other animals, such as rabbits and mice, are more suitable, and if the results are satisfactory, we would then be ready to do human tests. But there is still a long way to go."

A warning that Britain's prisons may soon become the "bridge" by which Aids spreads into the population was given to a group of MPs at a meeting in the Commons last night.

Radical changes in prison policies, including single cell accommodation and the provision of condoms, need to be considered urgently by the Home Office, Professor John Gunn, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, said.

The question of whether needles should also be provided to imprisoned drug abusers might also have to be confronted, he said.

"Prisoners tend to be sexually active, young rule-breakers", he told the Parliamentary Mental Health Group. "It is therefore likely that the rate of HIV seropositive individuals being admitted to prison is higher than in the general population."

Roman Catholic bishops are leaving school governors and parents to decide whether Catholic schoolchildren should learn how to put on a condom from a government Aids video film.

A working party of bishops criticized the film for its failure to add the moral dimension to its advice to pupils to remain faithful to a single sexual partner. However, they say it should be shown in schools with the agreement of governors and parents.

Education Reform Bill

Universities fear interference

By John Clare

Education Correspondent

University vice-chancellors accused the Government yesterday of seeking sweeping powers over universities for the sake of administrative convenience.

Professor Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said parts of the Education Reform Bill were more draconian than the nationalization Bills of the 1940s and 1950s.

"These provisions will allow the Secretary of State to intervene very directly and precisely in the affairs of single institutions. They will allow very great pressures to be brought to bear to exact compliance and conformity. They strike right at the heart of academic freedom."

Until now, the vice-chancellors have lobbied ministers in private. Yesterday, for the first time, they decided to

draw public attention to six specific amendments they are seeking.

At the same time, they warned the Government to expect opposition in the Lords if their amendments are not accepted.

Sir Mark said the amendments were to "avoid the danger that sweeping powers conferred by loosely drafted clauses may be misused in ways at present unintended."

Clauses 94 (3) and (4) of the Bill give the Secretary of State unlimited power to give directions to, and impose "such conditions as he may determine" on the Universities Funding Council, the body that is to replace the University Grants Committee.

The vice-chancellors' amendments would limit the Secretary of State's powers to direction of a general character.

Clause 92 (6) gives the Universities Funding Council the power to dictate how universities should spend their money. The vice-chancellors' amendment would allow a university to "exercise its judgement as to the best use of resources in pursuance of its academic objectives". It would also prevent the funding council from interfering in the use to which universities put money not derived from the council.

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Teacher taken out after murder trial outburst

A teacher who has admitted killing his wife was hustled out of court yesterday today as the former pupil accused with him was cross-examined.

He shouted at detectives watching from the public gallery at Liverpool Crown Court: "I hope you lot are proud of this, sending an innocent 18-year-old girl down for nothing."

Philip Ashcroft, aged 31, of Broadway, Eccleston, and Angela Page, aged 18, of New

Street, both St Helens, deny murdering Mr Ashcroft's wife Glensy on March 12 last year. Mr Ashcroft admits manslaughter.

The outburst came as Mr Michael Maguire, QC, for the prosecution, was questioning Miss Page over her statements to police about the alleged murder plot. Mr Ashcroft was taken out of court by prison officers and did not return for the rest of the morning.

At the end of the morning session his defence counsel, Mr Benet Hyman, QC, emphasized that Mr Ashcroft had stayed out of court at his own request. Mr Justice MacPherson directed the jury to take no account of his behaviour or his absence. "Everyone understands the emotions in this case", he said.

During cross-examination, Miss Page said she helped Mr Ashcroft disguise the attack as a burglary because she always did what he told her. She tied

him up after the killing and took home a holdall containing goods "stolen" from his house.

She admitted giving two false alibis to police on Mr Ashcroft's instructions.

Miss Page admitted she and Mr Ashcroft had had "a special arrangement", but denied being infatuated with him until the night of the killing.

The case continues today.

Pupils 'do better on vitamins'

By Our Science Correspondent

Vitamins and mineral supplements can make children more intelligent and better behaved, British and American studies have shown.

A "phenomenal" change was evident in some of the pupils given the treatment at a comprehensive school in North Wales, according to the psychologist involved.

The evidence has "quite enormous implications for perhaps everybody in our society", Dr David Benton says tonight in QED, the BBC television programme. However, it remains to be digested by nutritionists sceptical about the links between diet, intelligence and behaviour.

For the school year beginning in September 1986, 30 second-year pupils were given a daily nutritional supplement, while 30 others received a placebo. Neither the children nor their teachers knew who was getting what.

Tests showed that although there was no difference between the two groups in either memory or concentration, there was a "significant" increase in the intelligence of those taking supplements.

A three-day dietary analysis before the study found that many children were deficient in calcium and Vitamin D.

The American study found that juvenile delinquents were less violent and better disciplined after receiving dietary supplements for four months.

The case continues today.

Renaissance drawings

Chatsworth works leave the country

All but one of a group of five Renaissance drawings sold at Christie's Chatsworth sale last July have been exported, after British public museums failed to raise enough money to buy them.

They are Rembrandt's "The Ramparts near the Bulwerk beside St. Anthony'spoort", valued at £1.4 million, and Rembrandt's "Farmhouse with a Dovecote and a Hayrick among the Trees" (£557,500), both sold to private collectors; the "Madonna del Popolo", by Barocci (£1.8 million), sold to David Timick, the New York dealer who may be planning to sell to the National Gallery of Washington; and "The Death of St. Peter Martyr", by Pordenone (£567,500), which was bought by the Getty Museum in Malibu.

One remaining drawing, "The martyrdom of St. Justina", by Veronese, and also bought by the Getty, is still in the country, the decision whether it will follow the others having been deferred until March 9.

It is understood that that is the drawing the British Museum wanted the most, but the

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By Sarah Jane Checkland

general feeling yesterday was that its meagre purchasing funds would not rise to the occasion.

Meanwhile, today is ladies' day in the London art market, with Dame Edna Everage opening the World of Watercolours fair at the Park Lane hotel. In her other persona, as the urbane Barry Humphries, the dame is an avid collector of watercolours.

Thousands of landscapes are on sale at the fair. Fine examples include the £22,500, "Landscape with Harvesters", by David Cox, at the top lot being a Ming blue and yellow dish which doubled its lower estimate, selling for £150,359. In the general sale, an impressive price was £43,535 for a pair of small famille rose saucer dishes - four times their estimate.

Tissot of his sibling mistress, Kathleen Newton, with a price tag of £180,000. Another discovery is a painting of floating animals and faces by Chagall (£48,000), which the artist left to an illegitimate son, David McNail.

Fifty newly discovered watercolours by the Marchioness of Waterford are also for sale at about £200. Many women artists are represented.

Christie's continued its season of sales in Hong Kong yesterday with great success. The Christina Loke Balsara collection sold for £462,063, the top lot being a Ming blue and yellow dish which doubled its lower estimate, selling for £150,359. In the general sale, an impressive price was £43,535 for a pair of small famille rose saucer dishes - four times their estimate.

The top lot was a large, emerald green and lavender jade landscape plaque, depicting a landscape of rocky mountains and chasms which follow the natural patterns of the stone. At £71,223, it doubled its lower estimate and was a record for a Chinese jade panel.

In general, jades did well, a single bangle fetching £80,000, while a ring and two earrings in the same material fetched £100,000. Of one imperial white jade box containing a miniature scroll, Mr Colin Sheaf, a Christie's expert, said: "When I first saw it, I estimated it at £800. Then, when we researched the scroll, we put it up to £2,500. In the event it sold for just under £20,000. It shows how it's often worth spending something half-way round the world to capture a particular market."

But, however hard it tried, Christie's was unable to top Sotheby's record for a single lot in Hong Kong - a late-fourteenth century red dish which sold for \$929,856 in November 1986.

South Bank festival

London set to fête the arts

By Lynda Mardlin, Arts Correspondent

For the first time since the Festival of Britain in 1951, the whole of London's South Bank is to be the focus of a festival, partially helped by the music world's largest business sponsorship deal yet, which was announced yesterday.

Twenty-three of the festival's 42 concerts will be sponsored by British and Commonwealth Holdings Plc - the start of a five-year sponsorship package worth almost £1 million.

The festival, entitled "End Games", will celebrate the late works of writers, composers, film-makers and artists for 12 weeks from April 21. It will link activities at the National Theatre, National Film Theatre, Hayward Gallery, Festival Hall and other concert halls. Other series with a similar common theme may follow.

The music sponsorship will also make possible an autumn series of Beethoven string quartets played by the Alban Berg Quartet, and next year a Haydn series.

Mr Ronald Grierson, executive chairman of the South

Bank Board, said: "It is the kind of sponsorship one dreams about. The extra money will allow us to do some really spectacular things."

Announcing details of "End Games", Sir Peter Hall, outgoing director of the National Theatre, and Mr Nicholas Snowman, the South Bank Board's general director for arts, shared a public platform for the first time yesterday after years of ploughing individual furrows.

Sir Peter's contribution to "End Games" will be directing a trilogy of Shakespeare's last plays - *Cymbeline*, *The Winter's Tale* and *The Tempest*.

Concerts will span four centuries of music, ranging from intimate chamber works to opera and large-scale choral and symphonic pieces, representing valuations by both popular and lesser-known composers. The NFT will feature 21 films, including ones by Chaplin, Hitchcock, Bergman, Huston and Kurosawa. Art exhibitions

will include a group of Barbara Hepworth bronze figures.

Answering criticism that the idea of "late" work was too anachronistic to qualify as a festival theme, Sir Peter said: "It seems to me that the artist in maturity achieves complete freedom, often a freedom which makes us, from our lesser vantage point, keep thinking, 'Maybe he's gone off'. We tend to think of late work as nostalgic and boring. Actually, it is generally free, anarchic and disturbing."

Mr Snowman said that in later life, artists "let the mask slip".

The Sherman Theatre in Cardiff has been saved from closure with a £875,000 government grant to the Welsh Arts Council. The council is to buy the cash-strapped theatre from University College.

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, said yesterday: "It is now up to the theatre-going public, local authorities and potential sponsors to provide the theatre with the long-term support it will require."

Man accused of stranglings 'was a loner'

The man accused of strangling seven pensioners was described yesterday as a loner who lived on the proceeds of crime. Det Chief Supt Brian Jackson said at the Central Criminal Court that despite a thorough search of south London, police were unable to discover where Kenneth Erskine had been living.

Mr Erskine, aged 24, denies murdering three women and four men aged from 67 to 94 and attempting to murder a man aged 73.

All the victims lived alone, mostly in south London, or in old people's homes. Five were sexually assaulted.

Yesterday the court was told that Mr Erskine also faces nine counts of burglary.

Mr Roy Aniol, for the defence, said Mr Erskine had been a persistent burglar since 1979 and had a number of criminal convictions for break-ins.

He had had no contact with his family since he was 16. He was friendless and had no visitors in prison. He had opened 10 building society accounts in London, using stolen cash.

His trial continues today.

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Huge increase in the number of children treated

If the Government had the money to cut taxes, why did it not use it to cut the waiting time for those children now in urgent need of vital operations, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked during questions to the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher said that the number of children being treated, particularly for cardiac conditions, had increased enormously. For every five cardiac operations carried out up to the year 1979, something like eight or nine were carried out now.

Mr Kinnock said that Mr Stephen McCullen from the West Midlands, who has a daughter awaiting a heart operation, had, with other parents, tried to see the Prime Minister on Monday. He had said that they were not political — loud Conservative interruptions, to which Mr

Kinnock responded: "The parents of children needing cardiac operations will have heard Conservative MPs laughing". Labour cheers.

Mr McCullen had said that fighting for the lives of their children was more important than party politics. They did not want to hear figures and statistics for this year or that year. What they wanted was a National Health Service and a Birmingham Children's Hospital that offered the best service they could get.

"Did the Prime Minister refuse to see Mr McCullen and other parents and their children yesterday because she knew that if she had she would have heard some truths like that?"

Mrs Thatcher said that she would give the figures that Mr Kinnock did not want to

hear and which he did not want to hear because they were good.

Cardiac operations at the Birmingham Children's Hospital had gone up by 86 per cent since 1978. In 1978, there had been 153 operations and in 1987 it had been 283. "He says he does not wish to use these matters for party political purposes. That is the record."

"May I point out that one of the cases which was prominent in this House last week was that of Matthew Collier. It was pointed out that Matthew was looking for a heart valve and that Matthew's consultant had advised his parents it would be best to allow him to grow so that the largest possible replacement heart valve could be used. It was envisaged his operation

would take place in four or six months time.

"Even the facts did not stop people from falsely raising that case in the House."

Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C) asked if the Prime Minister would agree that the £10.5 million of taxpayers' money being spent on the Commission for Racial Equality, the £3.4 million on the Equal Opportunities Commission and the £2 million on courses for trade unionists at colleges, would be better spent on the NHS (Conservative cheers)?

Mrs Thatcher said that it had been Government policy to do as much as it could to see that there was equality of opportunity in the country. She was sure that the Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Mr

John Major) would have heard the very effective question.

Mr Roland Byers (Houghton and Washington, Lab): Exactly why would the Prime Minister not meet the parents and children who came to see her yesterday about the urgent and desperate need of children to have heart surgery?

Mrs Thatcher: We do not normally receive petitions. There are quite a large number. We normally carry out something like between eight and eleven engagements in one day.

There was a debate on Friday afternoon on the Birmingham Children's Hospital which met most of the points raised by the parents.

Mr Patrick Wall (Bradford North, Lab)

said that only six of the twelve intensive care beds at the Yorkshire Regional Cardiothoracic Centre at Leeds were in use for heart operations.

Would she join with the vast majority of senior medical staff there and request that extra intensive care units or would she tell the staff which of the vast, lengthening queue of patients, young and old, would have to wait for surgery?

Mrs Thatcher: The number of cardiac operations, surgeons, doctors and nurses has greatly increased.

We are looking very carefully as to why it is that some regional district health authorities are able to manage very much better on their allocation of money than others.

NHS has to be priority, Labour tells House

The Government could afford extra resources for the National Health Service and the priority must be to rescue the NHS, not to give tax cuts, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, told MPs when he opened a debate on the crisis in the NHS.

Consultants did not find it fair or just, he said, that they had to decide who dies and who lives.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, outlined ways in which he aimed to increase resources available to the NHS, including improving efficiency in health authorities, using new powers to generate income and encouraging the use by authorities of spare capacity in other hospitals.

He also hoped to increase resources by increasing co-op-

● This Government has introduced the concept of bankruptcy into the National Health Service ●

eration between the NHS and the private sector.

Mr Cook moved an Opposition motion criticising closures of hospital wards and cancellation of operations.

It affirmed a commitment to the principle of a health service providing free treatment on the basis of need, not payment, and called on the Government to release additional funds to end the financial crisis in the NHS.

He said that evidence was accumulating that the NHS was in a financial crisis.

Most damning was last week's statement by the manager of the Manchester Royal Infirmary in which he told the 2,500 workers there that he could no longer pay for drugs and that by the end of the financial year he might no longer be able to pay their wages.

He had said: "To all intents and purposes we are bankrupt. If we were a commercial organisation we would have gone into voluntary liquidation."

This Government prided itself on introducing a commer-

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cial ethos into the NHS. "They have now achieved a new first: they have introduced the concept of bankruptcy into the service."

He was astonished that the Government had the nerve to express their support for the dedicated staff of the service. "If they have such respect for NHS staff then let them listen to what they are saying to them day by day."

In truth, the Government had sought to pin the blame for the problems on the staff. He found it breathtaking that the Government, which had done everything possible to encourage consultants to do more private practice, should now identify that as its excuse.

That was not the major source of the crisis, all around Britain health authority managers were telling consultants to slow down, to cut their output "and go off to the golf course or do a spot of gardening".

Now Mr Norman Tebbit had discovered that it was not the consultants but the nurses who were to blame because too many of them were moonlighting. But presumably if nurses stopped moonlighting the crisis would be worse in the hospitals. "But I know to his superior knowledge of moonlighting" (Labour cheers).

Mr Tebbit (Chingford, C), said that he had been objecting to the crazy system in the health service which frequently precluded a nurse from working overtime in her own hospital but allowed her to do so in another hospital as a agency nurse, while a girl from that other hospital was busy working as an agency nurse in the first hospital.

He called for a little more moonlighting and a little less moonlighting from the Opposition (laughter).

Mr Cook said that if that was what Mr Tebbit had intended to convey, he had failed to choose the correct words.

Nurses employed by the NHS did not fail to do overtime in their own hospitals. A recent survey showed that 60 per cent did an average of five hours a week unpaid overtime in their own hospitals and these were the people that Mr Tebbit was maligning.

Then the nurses had been superseded by a new culprit — Mr Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services. He (Mr Cook) felt a certain sense of involvement in seeking to acquit Mr Moore. He was glad to see him back and so well. It was not immediately apparent that all his colleagues felt the same way (laughter).

The charge being made was that Mr Moore had single-handedly in the space of seven months, including two months off for illness, created chaos out of order. It was a ludicrous charge. This crisis had been years in the brewing.

In the Prime Minister's eyes the NHS had two faults. It made everyone equal, regardless of their ability to pay, and that was made even worse by the second fault — it was actually popular because of it.

There were statistics which the Prime Minister chose not to use. Expenditure on nurses had fallen from £479 million in 1979 to £439 million in 1986. For the first time since 1970 infant mortality increased last year.

Survey after survey showed that unemployment made people ill. An unemployed man was 40 per cent more likely to suffer from cancer, 200 per cent more likely to commit suicide. Even his wife and children had a higher mortality rate.

The present rate of unemployment caused an additional 3,000 deaths a year. If the Govern-

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Mr Moore (left) telling Mr Cook about Labour's record on the health service

The Opposition had argued that the only answer was more public money, over and above the increases the Government had already promised.

"But the awful, fascinating and terrifying thing for them is that it is the only offer which we know they cannot deliver if ever again we had the tragedy of seeing them in office."

Under the last Labour Government, after the collapse of the economy, public spending on the NHS had fallen from 5 per cent of gross domestic product to 4.7 per cent.

NHS ancillary staff had seen their incomes decline by 4.8 per cent in real terms, administration and clerical staff had suffered a 14.4 per cent real terms decline, doctors and dentists 22.4 per cent and nurses had had their pay cut in real terms three years in succession — in 1976-77 by no less than 10 per cent. In the five years to 1979, nurses saw a real terms reduction of 21 per cent.

Under Labour, capital investment in the NHS had been slashed by 30 per cent in real terms.

"Is this a record of which they are proud?"

In contrast, because there had been a successful economy under the present Government, not only was the GDP bigger, but NHS spending had risen as a proportion of GDP from 4.7 per

cent to 5.4 per cent — a spending increase in real terms of 32 per cent.

The total gross increase in NHS spending in real terms in 1988-89 would be 2.1 per cent.

The Government was now spending £1,000 million a year on building a new service from the appallingly slashed programmes it had inherited in 1979.

What these new resources and the immense amount of effort put in by the National Health Service staff in improving efficiency, had meant in terms of patient care was quite staggering. To describe the services as on the point of collapse, was appalling.

He said that Scottish universities had faced a cut of 20 per cent in resources between 1983 and 1987 while the average cut for those in the rest of the UK was 12 per cent.

He asked how, under the Education Reform Bill, Scotland would be represented on the University Funding Council and how co-ordination would be achieved between the council and central institutions so that higher education in Scotland was co-ordinated.

Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the Government had agreed that there would be a Scottish committee for the UGC and that the committee would consider matters of co-ordination.

Mr Colin Mayhew, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the Government took the threat to the ozone layer seriously.

Landlords to get gas rule

Landlords are to be required to give tenants itemized bills showing both the selling price and the statutory maximum price of electricity and gas resold, Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons written reply.

Scots orders

The Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No 3) Order 1987, which fixes the amount of rate support grant for Scottish local authorities in 1988-89, the details of which were announced last July, was approved in the Commons late on Monday by 204 votes to 159 votes — Government majority, 45. The Revaluation Rate Rebates (Scotland) Order 1987 was also approved.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debate on annual report on Hong Kong, 1987. British Railways (London) Bill, second reading. Social Protection (Emergency Provisions) Order.

Lords (2.30): Debates on resources for cultural diplomacy, on increasing number of homeless people and on implementation of Salmon Act, 1986, and threat to salmon stocks.

Law will safeguard maintained schools' religious ethos

The Government would introduce an amendment to the Education Reform Bill to inhibit a change of religious ethos in a grant-maintained school, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said during questions.

Grant-maintained schools would not initially be allowed to change character. The amendment would make a change of religious ethos the equivalent of a significant change of character and therefore subject to strict procedures.

Other education questions included the following:

● The place of religious education in schools will be enhanced by the Education Reform Bill, which will strengthen the methods by which parents can complain if they feel that the subject is not taking place as it was legally

intended to, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, said.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said that many religious bodies and others feared that religious instruction would be squeezed and suffer when the national curriculum was introduced.

Mrs Rumbold said that the Government was taking great care to respond to the concerns of many people about the place of religious education in schools.

Mr Timothy Yeo (Suffolk South, C) had asked how many representations the Government had received in favour of the national curriculum.

Mrs Rumbold said that it was difficult to say how many were actually in favour, but out of 1,312 group responses only 94

were opposed in principle and out of 11,790 individual responses only 1,536 were opposed in principle.

Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab) asked the minister had read his new clause for the Education Reform Bill calling on the Government to set up an arts education council to promote the arts as part of the national curriculum.

Mrs Rumbold said that she had not yet had time to look at the amendment. The arts and music were part of the national curriculum.

● The Maths and Science Working Group had been specifically asked that in its advice to the Government it should bear in mind that the curriculum should provide equal opportunities for boys and girls.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C) said that the campaign carried out by the Opposition parties and the teaching unions attacking the concept of testing was spurious. Tests were an essential part of education.

Mr Baker agreed. If one could not determine whether a child aged seven had literacy skills and could decipher a page of writing, that child was likely to suffer throughout the rest of his or her education.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) said that every parent should expect their child on leaving school to be able to read, write and do basic mathematics.

Mr Baker agreed. He wanted all those things and a bit more as well. They were the basic skills and they represented the core subjects in the proposed national curriculum.

Mr Bernie Grant (Tottenham, Lab) wanted to know what measures would be taken to guard against cultural bias in the tests.

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He also criticized his own party leadership for not adopting more militant tactics in opposition.

"The Labour Party is the major party in Scotland", he said. "We have received an unprecedented mandate from the people of Scotland."

"If we are simply going to stay down here and play the Westminster game and accept the traditions of this place (I don't think we will get anywhere in defending our people."

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, condemned Mr Canavan's action as "hooligan behaviour" and accused the Labour leadership of being unable to control its own members.

Defending the inclusion of Mr David Maclean, MP for Farnham and the Border, and Mr James Arbuthnot, MP for Wansford and Woodford, on the committee, Mr Rifkind said that it was a United Kingdom Bill and that three Scottish MPs had been put on the committee to examine the bill affecting England and Wales.

Mr Canavan said, however, that the Government, which had just five backbenchers left in Scotland after the general election, had no mandate for the

Scottish legislation it was seeking to introduce and that he would continue to use every available means to expose this.

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Conduct angers Tories

MP 'occupies' committee

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A Labour MP caused fresh disruption to Commons business yesterday by staging a sit-in that led to the abandonment of a standing committee meeting.

The conduct of Mr Dennis Canavan, the left-wing MP for Falkirk West, will fuel the mounting anger of Tory backbenchers who are demanding tough new disciplinary measures after the interruption of the daily prayer session earlier this month by another Labour MP.

Mr Canavan staged his sit-in during the first meeting of the committee that is to examine the Scottish Housing Bill.

He is not a member of the committee, but he sat among the Labour members and refused to leave unless two English MPs on the Conservative side were taken off.

The committee chairman, Mr Michael Martin, twice adjourned the session to give Mr Canavan time to reconsider, and eventually announced that the committee would meet again tomorrow.

Disaster victims' hopes are raised

Victims of disasters, such as the collapse of the Herald of Free Enterprise and the King's Cross fire, and those claiming damages from defective drugs were given hope of finding it easier to win compensation in future.

On the second day of the committee stage of the Legal Aid Bill, Lord Mackay of Clackmannan, the Lord Chancellor, expressed sympathy with demands from peers to allow "class actions" by a group of people pursuing the same claim.

However such actions, as were common in the United States, might be a mixed blessing and careful consideration would be required before their introduction.

Therefore he could not support an Opposition amendment, which would allow class actions to be financed by legal aid without a means test, because it would be putting the cart before the horse.

Lord Mackay said that he was open to the kind of suggestion made by Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, that the Law Commission should investigate the introduction of class actions into English law.

The amendment did not address the real problem. But a possible way of dealing with it might be for the proposed legal aid board to have the option in some circumstances of entering into a contract to provide representation outside the confines of the present restrictions on behalf of groups of this kind.

If it was possible to achieve unity of representation in cases where there was no conflict of interest, much cost could be saved.

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Moving the amendment, Lord Mischam, an Opposition legal affairs spokesman, said that the benefit of class actions was that they enabled individual claimants with similar grievances to join together in an action where the existing rules of court would make it simply too prohibitive to pursue it individually.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, had drawn attention to the present problems during the Open case.

The amendment was rejected by 152 to 56 — Government majority, 96.

Editors fight for the right to challenge court bans

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Newspaper editors are to press for the right to challenge banning orders which are increasingly being used to restrict the reporting of cases involving children.

The Guild of British Newspaper Editors is seeking an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill which would widen the power to be given to the press to challenge such court orders.

The right of challenge which the Government has included in the Bill will enable the press to go to the High Court to seek judicial review of crown court orders made under the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

Editors want the High Court also to have power to review orders made under the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, prohibiting the publication of details which could lead to identification of a child in the proceedings.

Mr David Newell, legal secretary of the guild, said: "We have frequently encountered instances of such orders being misapplied so as to prevent the identification of adult defendants as well as the child victim or witness, or made in relation to dead children."

The guild has written to Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, outlining examples of problems encountered throughout the country by newspapers reporting cases involving children both at crown courts and in magistrates' courts.

In one case at Manchester Crown Court, a boy aged 14 was accused of murdering a schoolfellow, then aged 13. The order first banned any report of the evidence but was then amended to allow a report but no name of the juveniles involved, including the dead victim.

In another case at Hereford Crown Court, a defendant was charged with inciting another to commit grievous bodily harm; the victim was the father of a girl aged four, on whom custody proceedings were pending. The press could not identify child or father.

In the High Court yesterday, a newspaper backed by the guild failed in its attempt to challenge a magistrate's order prohibiting it from publishing the addresses of seven defendants in criminal proceedings.

The *Wolverhampton Express and Star* was refused leave to challenge the order made by West Bromwich magistrates by Mr Justice Henry although afterwards the editor, Mr Keith Parker, said he welcomed comments made by the judge.

Mr Parker, president of the guild, said that the judge had indicated that the address of a defendant in a criminal case was just as important a part of the identification as the name.

The judge had upheld the findings against *Evening* magistrates last year when the High Court ruled that the bench had misused the Contempt of Court provisions in banning publication of a defendant's address.

But he dismissed the *Star's* application on the ground it was no longer a "live issue": the addresses of the seven defendants were later published when they came before the crown court.

Mr Parker said: "Our feeling is that if there is to be open justice in our courts then it is important that newspapers have the right to publish the names and addresses of defendants in criminal cases."

The guild is also pressing for newspapers to have the right to resort to the High Court where in the course of a trial on indictment, proceedings are heard in camera, or names and addresses of witnesses are withheld.

Council was becoming better known.

"But editorial standards in some newspapers probably have changed for the worse, and clearly this is a matter of concern to the council," he said.

"Irresponsible or offensive behaviour by some newspapers is embarrassing at a time when the Government is showing itself capable of pursuing all papers in an attempt to stop what is often sensible discussion in the public interest."

Of all complaints investigated and concluded last year, national morning and Sunday papers accounted for 685 compared with a total of 586 against all the rest of the written press, including provincial dailies and weeklies, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish papers, free papers and magazines.

Other national dailies adjudicated upon were *The Guardian*, with three complaints upheld and three rejected; *The Daily Mirror* (3-0); *The Daily Telegraph* (2-4); *The Star* (2-3 and one partly upheld); *The Times* (2-1); *Today* (2-2); *Daily Express* (1-1 and one partly upheld) and *The Independent* (one rejected).

The Sunday paper, most adjudicated upon was the *News of the World*, with eight complaints upheld and three rejected.

Quads join Badgers for a celebration



It was a joint celebration when the Crawley quadruplets marked their sixth birthday in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire yesterday. The four (from left) Hazel, Carl, Craig and Rebecca from Bedgrove, near Aylesbury, became members of the Badgers, the junior section of St John Ambulance Brigade, on its first anniversary.

(Photograph: Peter Tricvner)

Jeweller dismissed two days after armed raid

A jeweller held at gunpoint while robbers raided his shop was later dismissed, a London industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The gang overpowered Mr Frederick Patrick, aged 47 and his wife Kathleen, aged 46, after bursting into their

home and stealing the shop keys. They then burgled the shop of jewellery worth £165,000.

Two days later, Mr Patrick, manager of H. Samuel, Oxford Street, London, with 27 years' service, was dismissed. He is claiming he was unfairly

dismissed. His area manager, Mr Victor Dugard, told the tribunal that Mr Patrick, of Park Drive, Upminster, Essex, should not, for security reasons, have had a full set of keys.

Mr Dugard admitted that he had introduced a new staff

rotation system shortly before the robbery and that Mr Patrick had expressed reservations about sharing the keys under the new system. On September 23, 1987, Mr Patrick took a full set of keys to his home and was robbed that night.

The hearing continues

Protest at probation for attack on teacher

A teacher who was assaulted by a pupil's mother protested yesterday after her attacker was put on probation for two years.

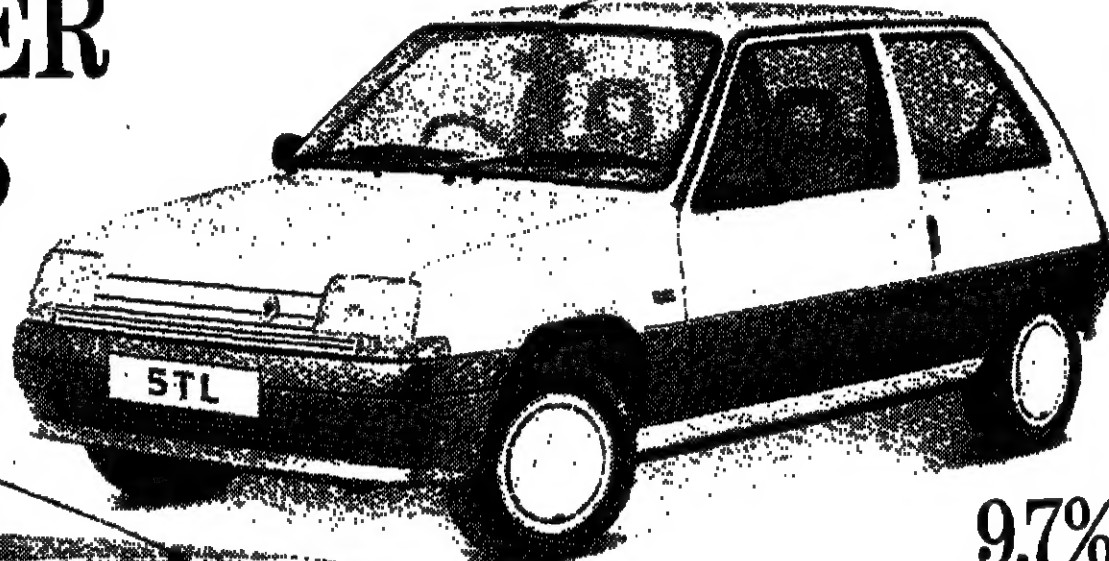
Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told by the prosecution that Lorna Taylor, aged 33, of Warren Street, central London, went to Carlton Primary School in Kentish Town, north-west London, to complain about her son, Paul, aged eight, being banned. She struck the teacher, Mrs Kathleen Perry, in the face, knocking her against a table.

There was a long struggle in which chairs were thrown and Mrs Perry was grabbed by the hair. Her glasses were smashed.

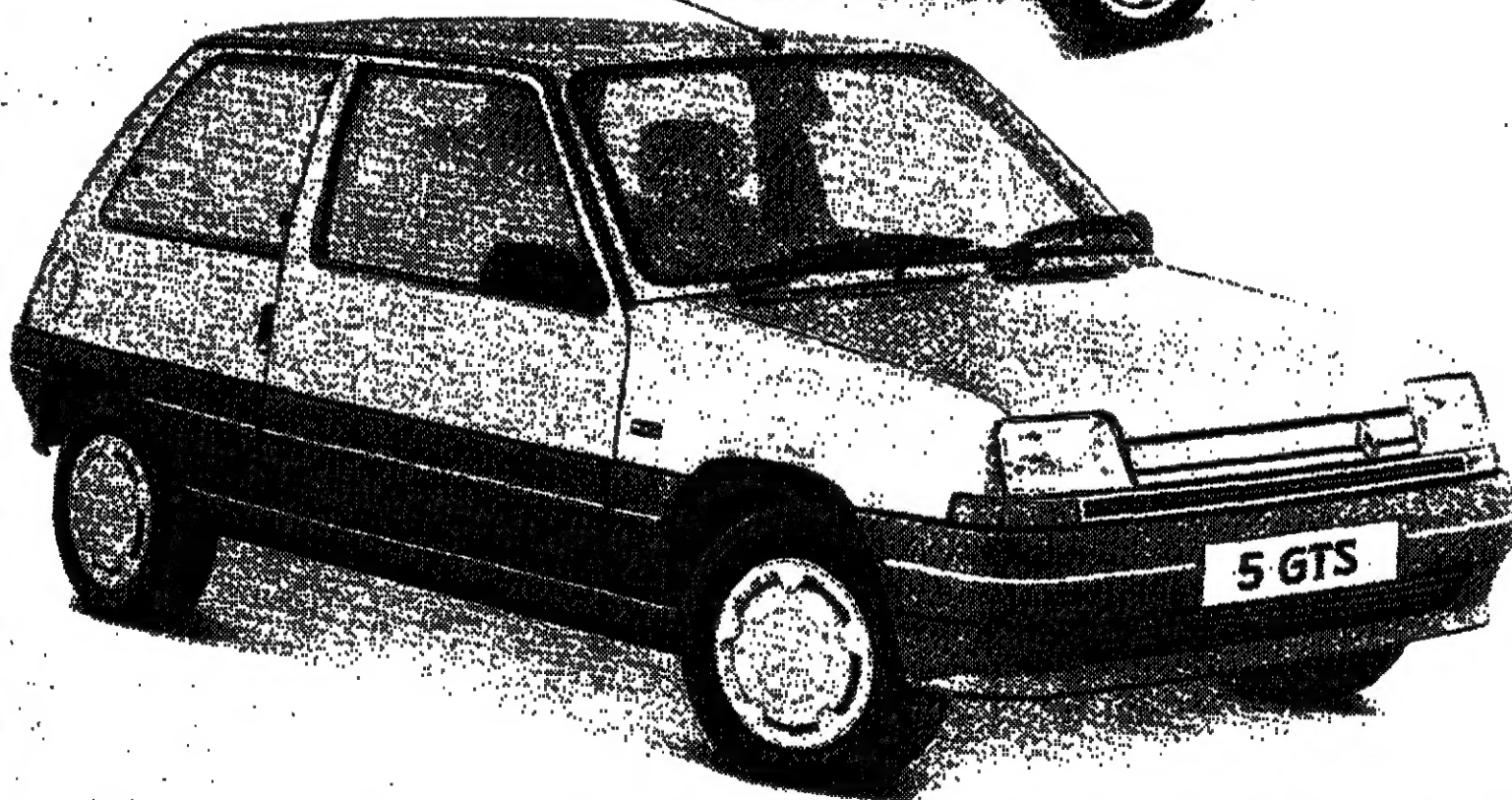
Judge Stable, QC, said: "Violence to a teacher cannot be tolerated. They do not choose what type of parents children in their charge have and are therefore not protected." He put Taylor, who has previous convictions for violence, and admitted assault causing actual bodily harm, on probation for two years. Two similar charges were not pursued.

Mrs Perry, aged 39, of Rowan House, Maitland Park, Hampstead, said afterwards: "The sentence is no deterrent to these attacks which are now happening to teachers all the time."

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Press complaints up by 12 per cent

Complaints about newspapers rose by nearly 12 per cent last year, with *The Sun* involved in the highest number of adjudicated cases since the Press Council's inception in 1953.

The trend was worrying because threats to press freedom meant this was no time for newspapers to be losing public sympathy, Mr Kenneth Morgan, the council's general secretary, said.

The council received a record 1,269 complaints about all categories of newspapers and periodicals last year, double the caseload a decade ago.

Cases needing adjudication rose by more than a third, from 118 to 160 - of which 110 were against national newspapers.

Fifteen cases against *The Sun* were upheld after adjudication, one partly upheld and six rejected. This compared with four upheld, one partly upheld and nine rejected in 1986.

The editor of *The Sun*, Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, said he did not wish to comment on today's Press Council report.

Second in this year's table was the *Daily Mail*, with nine complaints upheld and eight rejected.

Mr Morgan said the increasing number of complaints reflected the public's growing determination to take action and the fact that the Press

The tills are ringing to start married life

By David Sapsted

Inflation has sent the cost of marrying in Britain soaring by 13 per cent since last year to an average £4,279. Tying the knot in London and Northern Ireland is likely to cost more than £5,000 in 1988, against a "cheap" £3,481 in East Anglia, according to a survey of 1,455 couples compiled by *Wedding and Home* magazine.

The engagement ring will probably cost about £285, 17 per cent more than last year's average, and the typical couple faces a £1,138 bill for the honeymoon.

The average bride is aged 23, her new husband 25, and they will have been engaged for 20 months. Most brides will have to find £365 to pay for their wedding outfits (24 per cent more than last year), the groom £145 for his and attendants' costumes will add £204 to the expenses.

About 93 per cent of couples insist on having a professional photographer (cost: £170) on hand for the big day and almost half now opt for a video film (£131), too.

The wedding party will be clutching flowers worth £117 as it heads for the reception, where the tills ring to the tune of £543 for the caterers and food, plus another £251 on drink and £82 for the cake, a feast being shared by an average 94 guests.

Tradition dies hard and 78 per cent of brides' parents pick up the bill for the reception as the happy couple set off for their honeymoon, 51 per cent of them opting for foreign holidays, with Greece and Spain the favourites.

The honeymoon over, 84 per cent of couples return to buy their own homes, equipping them in the first six months of married life with an average of £4,544 of goods and badly denting joint savings of £5,000 amassed before their wedding.

Between the averages are some marked differences: one bride spent £2,500 on her wedding dress, another £20; the most expensive sparkler was £2,999 and the cheapest £18. One couple spent £2,000 on photography alone.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Ortega lifts state of emergency

Managua — President Ortega has signed a decree lifting a six-year-old state of emergency and abolishing the so-called People's Anti-Somocista Tribunal in compliance with a peace agreement ratified at a summit of Central American presidents last weekend (David Gollob writes).

The lifting of the state of emergency, under which some civil liberties enshrined in the Constitution were suspended, is likely to have little immediate impact as few of the special powers it allowed the Government have been exercised since the peace agreement was signed last August. Asked whether the lifting of the state of emergency was irrevocable, President Ortega said that if the Central American peace process fails and the war continues it could be reimposed.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan has decided to resume airdrops of lethal supplies to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels and will seek more money for them in a request to Congress later this month. The White House spokesman said yesterday (AP reports). **Leading article, page 11**

Bogotá kidnapping

Bogotá — Colombia's first free election of mayors has been thrown into chaos after the kidnapping of the leading candidate in Bogotá by the left-wing April 19 Movement, known as M19 (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Señor Andrés Pastrana Arango, aged 33, the son of a former President, was kidnapped from the Social Conservative Party's campaign headquarters on Monday evening by 10 armed men. Although M19 said he would be freed within two hours with a message for President Barco, he had still not been released by yesterday evening. Several candidates of the Liberal and Social Conservative parties and the left-wing Unión Patriótica have been murdered in the run-up to the elections, scheduled to be held on March 13.

Paris cuts Tourists crime rate

Paris — A reduction of almost 10 per cent in the overall crime rate for Paris last year has boosted the presidential election campaign of the Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac, who is also the Mayor of the capital (Philip Jacobson writes).

The epidemic of hold-ups and bank robberies appears to have been halted, with a 28 per cent drop in such crimes. Burglaries were down by 17 per cent. Bag snatching and similar petty theft also fell sharply. For the first time in the 1980s, the overall number of offences fell below 300,000.

Hawke move on Fiji

Sydney — Worried by French overtures to Fiji, Australia has announced a reversal of diplomatic procedures that will allow Canberra to renew formal relations with the South Pacific nation (Keith Dahon writes). The Government decided yesterday to change criteria from recognition of governments to recognition of states.

After last year's military coups in Fiji, Canberra withdrew recognition and recalled its High Commissioner. However, the Government is apparently concerned by a \$12.7 million (about £7 million) aid offer by France last week.

China sets Iranian prices

China yesterday reimposed price controls on fuel and key raw materials. Two sets of regulations setting limits on oil, gas, electricity, steel, timber and coal, as well as on shipping, railway and air transport, were published by the People's Daily (Mary Dejevsky writes).

The move is seen as a serious setback for Peking's ambitious programme to revitalize production by phasing out central planning and allowing the market to set prices. The prices of many raw materials have reached three or four times the state set prices.

Howe rebuffs Lee

A leading critic of the pace of reform in Hong Kong was rebuffed by the Foreign Secretary yesterday when he made a last-ditch attempt to persuade Britain to introduce direct elections in the territory this year (Nicholas Beeston writes).

In a meeting with the Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Hong Kong legislative councillor, Mr Martin Lee QC, right, was told there was no evidence to support his claim that the majority of the colony's citizens supported representative government in 1988. Mr Lee arrived in London this week to lobby MPs before the debate on Hong Kong Government White Paper due early next month, which will set out constitutional reforms for the island before the switch of sovereignty.



Nobel brain power tries to chart course for mankind

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Mr Elie Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Peace Prize for writings on the Holocaust: "We have no power ourselves, but we hope we can make those in power listen."

Sitting on the same platform as Mr Wiesel, nodding sagely at intervals, was someone who certainly knows both sides of the fence. Tanned and smartly suited, Dr Henry Kissinger (Peace Prize, 1973) informed journalists it was essential that the West should seek to extend the present disarmament talks with the Soviet Union into "a more general notion of world peace."

It soon became evident that Dr Kissinger was in good form, announcing that he had just been invited to appear on Bulgarian television — "the ambition of a lifetime". He also confessed to having thought twice about coming to a conference where some fellow participants "probably re-

From Christopher Walker
Khost, Afghanistan

The siege of Khost is over but, largely hidden from the eyes of the world, the battle for control of this strategic garrison town is continuing unabated.

The shell-scarred airstrip is only able to operate after dark, because of the presence of Mujahidin rebels equipped with large quantities of ground-to-air US Stinger missiles, while last night it came under attack as three rockets exploded close to planes just about to take off the first Western reporters flown into the town since the siege was broken on December 30.

One exploded less than 500 yards from the plane I was about to climb into, and a second struck an Afghan soldier deployed at the airstrip ducked for cover.

A second rocket exploded about the same distance away, on the other side of the narrow runway, and we could see a third hit even closer to the dirt strip less than 30 seconds after our cumbersome, twin-propeller plane had taken off.

The rocket attack was the most glaring example of the precarious hold the Afghan and Soviet forces have on the town, after fighting one of the fiercest battles of the eight-year war in order to regain access to it.

From dawn until dusk, the dusty town and surrounding mountains reverberate almost continuously with the thud of heavy artillery, the rattle of machine-gun fire and the deafening "whoosh" of Katyusha rockets, fired in batches of 16 at suspected guerrilla positions. At night, the sky is frequently illuminated by the fighting.

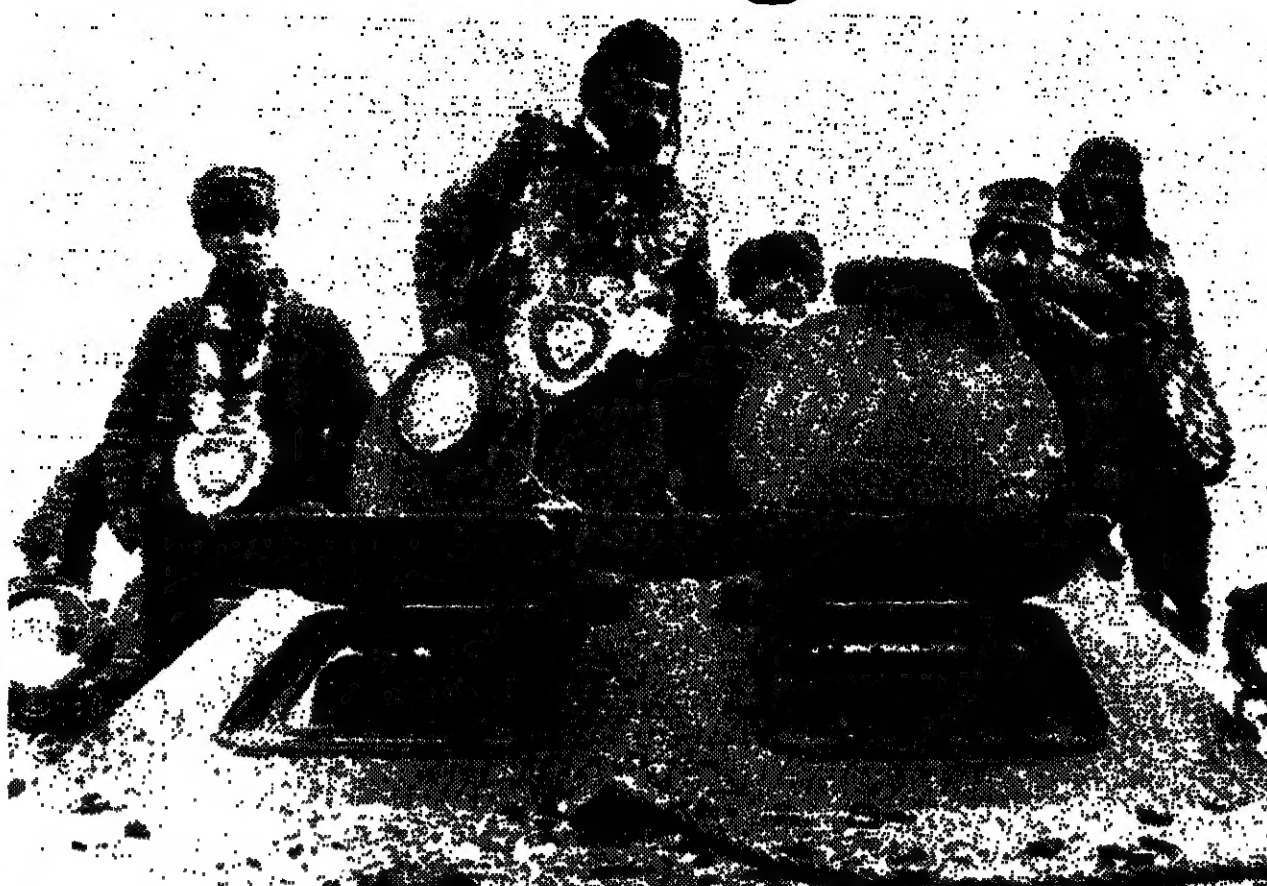
In daylight the columns of smoke and dust from the explosions, and the back-fire of the Soviet-built rocket launchers, hang all around in the clear air, hardly attracting a second glance from the 45,000 remaining civilians who have lived under intermittent rebel siege since 1978.

The surprise decision to fly in a small group of Western reporters was seen as a bizarre and rather risky exercise in glamor which backfired on the authorities.

Not only did it display for the first time the extent to which the rebel threat still exists, it also showed the confusion which is rampant among Afghan forces when

Afghan rebels spoil Soviet 'open day' in Khost

Hidden battle for garrison town



The garlanded crew of the first Afghan Army vehicle in Khost after the long siege. The photograph was released yesterday.

they are away from direct Soviet control.

On three occasions the anti-Quoted bus carrying the reporters nearly crashed, and throughout the long day disinformation about movements was spread through the group because of fears that the exercise had been penetrated by intelligence agents working for the Mujahidin.

We had arrived in a totally blacked-out Antonov 26 Afghan military transport plane on which navigation lights were extinguished during the 60-minute flight from Kabul, 94 miles away.

After plunging at an angle of nearly 45 degrees, the plane

landed at 3.45am local time, guided in by a handful of dim lights switched on seconds before its arrival. The journalists were then hurried into the waiting buses by nervous Afghan soldiers using shaded torches. The look on their faces gave little feeling of the confident pronouncements of success in the battle, made at the huge victory parade staged in Kabul 24 hours earlier.

"If this is intended to show us that the Government is back in control, I hate to imagine what things were like here a few weeks ago," said one correspondent, who later remarked cynically about the "defeating sounds of peace" to be heard as the rockets

crashed close to the runway on our departure 17 hours later.

These were two flights which no one on board was ever likely to forget (especially after we were informed that 10 Antonovs had been downed or damaged in the Khost area in the past six months). But the exercise failed in its central aim of convincing us that life in the vulnerable — and now highly symbolic — Afghan town, 14 miles from the Pakistan border, was returning to normal or anything resembling it.

At first embarrassed Afghan officials said that the constant roar of outgoing rockets was solely for our own protection, but later they — and the brave

Afghan pilots who flew the planes — admitted that the situation was, as one put it, "the same every day".

As loud explosions rattled the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Khost, a senior official in the ruling, Moscow-backed Democratic People's Party admitted that the airport was only in use at night for high-risk missions. To back the point, we were later shown the wreckage of one Antonov in which 36 people were killed last August.

The continuing risk of incoming fire from rebel groups operating in the mountains, assisted by their short supply lines to Pakistan and the recent unseasonably clement

Mujahidin leader rejects indirect peace talks

From Hassan Akhtar
Islamabad

The chairman of the seven-group Afghan Mujahidin resistance, Maulvi Yunus Khalis, said yesterday that he rejected the Afghanistans peace accord being finalized by Señor Diego Cordeiro, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General.

His statement was issued as Pakistani officials awaited the arrival of Señor Cordeiro later today for what are regarded as crucial talks in Islamabad

and Kabul on settling the eight-year-old Afghan crisis.

The Afghan guerrilla leader said that talking to Señor Cordeiro would mean accepting the indirect talks in Geneva between Pakistan and Afghanistan, conducted by the UN Under-Secretary-General since 1982, to the "benefit of the Soviet Union". Maulvi Khalis believed that the Geneva talks were designed to win politically for the Russians what they could not achieve in eight years of military action.

The Mujahidin leader called for the abandonment of the Geneva process, which is regarded here as being on the point of success, and suggested instead that Moscow should invite the guerrilla leadership to take part in direct talks on a settlement.

● NEW YORK: Señor Cordeiro said at a press conference at the UN yesterday, before his departure for Pakistan, that the Soviet Union could begin withdrawing troops from Afghanistan around May 1.

Helsinki meeting settles consular visit

Russia invites Israelis

By Mary Dejevsky

The Soviet Union has agreed to allow an Israeli consular delegation to visit Moscow. It will be the first such visit since it broke off diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967 after the Six Day War.

News of the visit was given by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, at yesterday's regular press briefing in Moscow. No date has yet been arranged.

Mr Gerasimov said that the visit had been agreed at an unannounced meeting between Soviet and Israeli officials in Helsinki yesterday, at which the Soviet side had also delivered a protest about Israel's conduct in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr Gerasimov said the Israeli delegation would be "small" and the purpose of its visit would be "technical" — to look at the work of the Israeli interests section at The Netherlands Embassy in Moscow. The Dutch have handled Israel's affairs in the Soviet capital since the break.

The Soviet spokesman emphasized that the planned visit marked no change in Moscow's attitude to Israel, and

repeated the Kremlin view that there could be "no question of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations before there is a peaceful solution in the Middle East".

Despite Mr Gerasimov's disclaimer, Soviet agreement to an Israeli consular visit — especially at a time of Arab pressure on Israel over the occupied territories — will be widely seen as evidence of a warming in Soviet-Israeli relations. It also suggests a sense in Moscow that Soviet participation in an international Middle East peace conference might for the first time be within reach.

The earliest sign of a thaw occurred last July when an eight-member Soviet delegation arrived in Jerusalem for a visit. The stated purpose was to oversee property owned by the Russian Orthodox Church in Israel, but it has also been updating passports for Soviet citizens resident there.

Last week, Israel announced that it had agreed to extend the delegation's visit for a month beyond the original deadline. Meanwhile, Moscow was reported to have replaced the head of its delegation (a low-level Foreign Ministry official) with a political

official, Mr Georgi Martirozov, who is also a Middle East specialist.

Both developments suggested that Moscow might be more open to a reciprocal Israeli visit.

From Israel's side there is unlikely to be any significant improvement in relations unless Moscow makes concessions on Jewish emigration. Although more Jews have been allowed to leave the Soviet Union in the past six months, including a number of long-term dissidents, the number is still lower than it was when emigration was at its height in the early 1970s.

Soviet officials announced last week that a total of 25,000 exit visas had been issued in 1987, more than twice as many as in 1986, but this was an aggregate which included ethnic Germans, Jews and others leaving to join their families abroad.

For Israel, Jewish emigration is an emotional issue, but also a practical one. Without a steady influx of European Jewish immigrants, Jews will find themselves outnumbered by Arabs even in their homeland.

Shevardnadze confident of chemical weapons ban soon

From Richard Owen, Bonn

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday ended a fence-mending three-day visit to Bonn by declaring that an East-West chemical weapons ban was possible "in the near future" and by agreeing on the need for a summit between Chancellor Kohl and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev.

But to the disappointment of the West Germans, neither time nor place was fixed, and the two sides agreed to "re-examine" the question in the second half of this year.

"The first half is not possible because the two leaders' diaries are full," Mr Shevardnadze said after concluding talks with Herr Kohl. Diplomats said, however, a more likely reason for the delay was that Moscow was waiting to see how crucial arms talks with the United States progressed in the lead up to a planned superpower summit in the summer. Mr Shevardnadze urged the West not to lose the arms talks momentum and said a full negotiations could be fatal.

Herr Kohl had made no secret that he wanted Mr Gorbachev to visit Bonn before the summer, partly because West Germany holds the Presidency of the EEC for

the next six months and can thus speak for Europe. Bonn has taken advantage of the improved East-West climate to launch a renewed Ostpolitik, and Herr Kohl is to visit Prague next week.

Mr Shevardnadze warned NATO not to take compensatory measures to fill the gap left in Europe by the removal of medium and shorter range missiles under the INF Treaty.

Paris (Reuters) — A Nato summit called to show the Western allies' support for President Reagan before his first visit to Moscow will be held on March 2 and 3 in Brussels, Foreign Ministry officials said. Mr Reagan's summit meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachev is expected to be in May or June.

This included, he said, modernizing short-range systems, an apparent reference to remarks this week by General John Galvin, Nato's Supreme Commander. Such a step would be "very dangerous" and would undermine what had been achieved so far.

In a joint statement, Mr Shevardnadze and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, called for a global ban on

chemical weapons, and Mr Shevardnadze said Moscow was prepared to agree to verification procedures.

He praised Bonn's role in achieving the INF deal, but repeated his call for the "double zero" to be followed by a third zero eliminating the short-range systems, a proposal Bonn finds tempting but which the rest of Nato firmly opposes.

A Western ban on some high technology exports to the Soviet Union provided the only sour note in this week's otherwise harmonious talks between Mr Shevardnadze and West German politicians and industrialists.

Twenty West German-Soviet joint ventures had been undermined because of "that damned list", he angrily told an audience of 200 businessmen, referring to one compiled by the Co-ordinating Committee for Multinational Export Controls, which lists proscribed products, including computers, which could be used for military purposes.

Before leaving Bonn yesterday Mr Shevardnadze and Herr Genscher, signed a new economic co-operation pact, extending for five years the 10-year pact signed by Mr Brezhnev in Bonn in 1978.

Envoy with sang-froid in UN hot seat

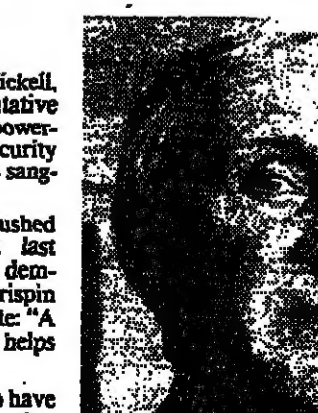
From Charles Bremner
New York

Sir Crispin Charles Cervantes Tickell, the British permanent representative at the United Nations and power-broker this month of the Security Council, is a man who keeps his sang-froid.

When the doors of the hushed council chamber burst open last month and scuffling Palestinian demonstrators burst forth, Sir Crispin paused in mid-speech only to note: "A little local colour, I don't think, helps our debate."

Similar demeanour was said to have nightly impressed Mrs Thatcher when she was a guest at Sir Crispin's table while he was Ambassador in Mexico City in 1981. As witnesses tell it, he turned not a hair when the room was jolted by an earth tremor strong enough to crack open the quarters occupied by the Prime Minister's RAF crew. The dinner continued to its end.

In the age of electronic diplomacy and Euro-uniformity, Sir Crispin is an old-style English type, the kind of French find so enspiring. He is a formidable professional with the air of an urbane, fastidious and somewhat sardonic amateur.



Sir Crispin: An urbane professional who is fascinated by the weather.

Talk to Sir Crispin in the small office in the UN building that he occupies as this month's President of the Security Council, and he waxes enthusiastic about the weather. Not New York's winter freeze, but climatic change through the ages, a subject on which he is a renowned expert.

He took up climatology for a year at Harvard in the mid-seventies, wrote a book and then lectured on it in 1981 while a fellow of All Souls after a

strenuous stint as *chef de cabinet* for Mr Roy Jenkins, then President of the European Commission.

"It just seemed to me a large area of international affairs that was not properly taken into account when looking at foreign policy," he says. Paleontology and pre-Columbian art are also areas of Tickell expertise.

"I have always liked to be a diplomat among academics and an academic among diplomats," he says. Sir Crispin's recreation stood him in good stead for his last job as Permanent Secretary at the Overseas Development Administration in London.

Sir Crispin — who owes his Spanish middle name to a family tradition that the Spanish poet was a forebear — has ventured more than usual from the Foreign Office fold since he joined the diplomatic service from Westminster, Oxford and National Service with the Coldstream Guards.

But in the service or out, Sir Crispin, aged 57, has the record of the consistently high-office flyer and he has earned some of the reputation for arrogance that often goes with that profile.

He has spent the bulk of his career in Europe, planning policy for Nato in

London, working at the Paris Embassy for more than five years, helping negotiate Britain's entry to the Community and, in 1984, laying much of the groundwork for Britain's Community budget rebates. He picked up his KCVO — an order reserved for personal service to the sovereign — when the Queen knighted him on the deck of the Britannia off the Mexican Pacific coast after a visit there in 1983.

Years negotiating the minutiae of Europe qualified Sir Crispin for the slow-moving rigours of the "machine" — as De Gaulle called it — on New York's East River. Sir Crispin made his mark quickly when he co-ordinated the watershed vote on a Gulf ceasefire last July.

This month, he has organized the unanimous vote condemning Israel over its conduct in the occupied territories. He is also steering the Council towards a new attempt to force Iran to accept the ceasefire.

The new British Ambassador, who is given to loud ties and heavy cufflinks, also makes the most of New York life. He and his wife, Penelope, his former secretary whom he married after a 1976 divorce, enjoy frequenting the art world in particular.

Argentina hails end of rebellion as triumph for democracy

Rico faces mutiny charges as Army hunts three aides

Buenos Aires (AP, Reuters) — Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, whose Army revolt at Monte Caseros was crushed by troops loyal to President Alfonsín, will face military charges of rebellion.

Colonel Rico was taken to the headquarters of the Second Army Corps at Rosario, 195 miles north of Buenos Aires, where judges are preparing the charges. Under military law, he could face the death sentence.

The Army was still search-

ing yesterday for three close aides of Colonel Rico who escaped when the rebels surrendered: former Major Ernesto Barreiro, who led an insurrection at Córdoba last April; Lieutenant-Colonel Angel Leon, who headed the revolt in the northern city of Tucumán; and Lieutenant-Colonel Enrique Venturino, the purported political leader of Colonel Rico's operation.

Colonel Rico finally surrendered after about three hours of sporadic fighting. His ear-

lier offer of a conditional surrender was rejected by the Army's Chief of Staff, General José Carló, whose force of 2,000 troops outnumbered the rebels by 10 to one.

The cashiered Falklands War veteran, who fled from house arrest in Buenos Aires while awaiting trial for a similar mutiny last April, was flown by helicopter to nearby Curuzú Cuatiá, General Carló's command post. He was then transferred on Monday night to Rosario.

Other army garrison revolts in support of Colonel Rico were all put down without a shot being fired.

President Alfonsín said that the crushing of the mutiny had helped strengthen Argentina's young democracy. He said the way the country had acted "proved the nation to be far stronger than the self-styled enlightened minorities".

He told the nation: "We have demonstrated that all of us, together, are capable of ensuring democracy and the future of the Argentine."

The Defence Minister, Señor Horacio Jauregui, described the country as "absolutely normal" with all military commands "responding to their natural leaders".

In yesterday morning's newspapers the Argentine press hailed the crushing of the rebellion.

La Nación and *Clarín* ran headlines quoting President Alfonsín saying: "Democracy has been consolidated." In an editorial, *La Nación* blamed the revolt on the Government being too concerned with planning for the future while turning its back on more pressing problems.

Borrowing from the president's phrase when he announced the surrender, "The house is in order," *La Nación* said: "Instead of dedicating itself to repairing the house... the Government preferred to imagine how the new house would be when it did not even have the means to buy it."



Moment of surrender: A rebel soldier, with his hands behind his head, is escorted along a road leading to Monte Caseros by a detachment of loyal troops as the mutiny is crushed.



President Alfonsín being congratulated by Major Santiago Sorondo, head of the security forces, outside Government House after the end of the second Army uprising in a year.

Alfonsín grapples with diehards in search of applause

By Walter Little

The military revolts in Argentina over the weekend have led many to fear that the country may be heading once again towards disorder. Some even worry that the Government may be at risk.

The Army ruled for 20 of the past 50 years and has been a very influential power for the other 30. However, these fears are misplaced. On previous occasions the military, enjoyed at least some public support and civilians were deeply divided in their attitudes. Neither of these conditions obtains today.

The main problem for President Alfonsín was not the uprisings

themselves, but the possibility that supposed loyalists in the armed services might have refused to fire on fellow officers. This would have created a crisis but it has been averted.

The revolts were much less challenging than those which occurred last April and seem to represent a last-ditch stand by middle-ranking officers who ran the "Dirty War" in the 1970s. Their complaints are only partly about the risk of being tried and jailed. They also have a deep contempt for their High Command, which they see as having acquiesced in the dismantling of the military's institutional privileges.

The fact is, however, that many of these remain intact. The nuclear programme and arms industries have been put into civilian hands, conscription cut back, and spending on weapons curtailed. But the Government has yet to come to grips with its avowed aim of democratizing the military and integrating them into society.

In particular, the attempt to "professionalize" them is stalled and plans to change the way they are educated have yet to be implemented. The rebels' complaints then, are as much to do with feared loss of prestige and of their case-like solidarity, as anything else.

President Alfonsín has a reputation outside Argentina as an anti-militarist, but it is a different matter at home. Recent polls show that most voters see him as weak and indecisive.

It is significant that even before he was elected he rejected the principle that unjust commands were not to be obeyed in favour of the "Due Obedience" law, which effectively pardons the majority of officers guilty of crimes.

This is not enough for the few diehards who are not content with being let off, but who believe society should applaud them for

having fought a victorious campaign against Marxist subversion.

Privately, many Argentines — though they have no sympathy with the military — are grateful to them. Businessmen threatened with kidnapping, trade unionists under threat from the left and party activists eclipsed by the resort to violence can all rest easier now that the armed left has been vanquished. But they can hardly come out and say so in public. Their ambivalence is reflected in the polls which show that they want the military to stay out of politics but give a low priority to the human rights issue.

In the longer term, the question

for President Alfonsín — and his successor — is how to give the military a role. In the past, tension with Chile and Brazil and the threat to the established order from the left and from Peronism gave them a job of sorts to do.

President Alfonsín now has close relations with the Brazilians, has resolved the Beagle Channel dispute with Chile and support for democracy has defused the international crisis. The only role left for the military seems to be the Falklands, and this does not bode well for Argentina's future relations with Britain.

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Briton dies in south China air disaster

Peking (AP) — A domestic airliner crashed while preparing to land in south-western China and all 96 passengers, including a Briton, and 10 crew members were killed, the official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China said an engine defect caused the Soviet-designed Ilyushin B18, a four-engine turboprop, to crash about five miles from the airport in Chongqing, Sichuan province.

A spokesman for the British Embassy in Peking identified the British victim as Mr William Burley, aged 60, a sales manager for Regulators Europa Ltd of Colchester.

Finance chief

Colombo (AFP) — Mr M.H.M. Naina Marikar, aged 71, deputy to the former Finance Minister, Mr Ronnie de Mel, has been appointed as his replacement.

No escape

Berlin (Reuters) — East German border guards foiled an escape attempt in which two motorcyclists tried to ride through a crossing point into West Berlin shielded by a truck, police said.

Train crash

Peking (AP) — Sabotage caused a head-on collision between a passenger train and a freight train that killed 18 people and injured 73, an official report said.

Ferry tragedy

Manila (AFP) — About 30 people were feared killed and 70 were rescued after a small ferry capsized in the southern Philippines, the *Malaya* newspaper reported.

Swiss haven

Bern (Reuters) — A record 10,913 people sought asylum in Switzerland in 1987 but only 829 applications were granted.

Kidnap victim

Pavia (AP) — Cesare Casella, the 18-year-old son of a wealthy Italian car dealer, was kidnapped outside his home.

Baby dies

Johannesburg (AP) — A female baby with two heads and one body has died less than 48 hours after her birth.

13 whites held as Bulawayo police investigate bombing

From Jan Raath, Harare

A Zimbabwean police security operation centred on the western city of Bulawayo widened yesterday with confirmation by lawyers that a total of 14 people, all but one of them whites, were being detained.

A police spokesman in Harare yesterday maintained there was "no record" of the arrests, but a lawyer acting for one of the nine families involved said he was told by a senior officer in Bulawayo that they were related to "weapons and bombings".

On Monday last week a bomb exploded outside African National Congress premises in the city, injuring at least three members and killing two people said by the ANC to be responsible for the attack. The Government has made no statement on the incident.

The arrests began on Sunday with the detention of five whites in Bulawayo, one of them, Mr Kevin Woods, a former member of the Central Intelligence Organization who resigned last year.

Late on Monday night, Mrs Julia Maguire, whose husband Rory, a Bulawayo garage owner, was detained on Sunday, was taken into police

custody after paramilitary police occupied her home for several hours.

Early yesterday morning, police arrested two farmers and their sons in the Shangani area 40 miles east of Bulawayo. They also swooped on the farm of Mr Louis Heyns, Zimbabwe's leading maize

Lusaka (AP) — Three British MPs had talks with officials of the African National Congress and called for closer contacts with the organization, according to a statement published in the *Zimbabwe* capital yesterday. The chairman of the all-party Southern Africa Group, the Conservative MP Mr Ivor Stanbrook, said: "I think the ANC has a destiny which is to be the government of a new free republic of South Africa."

growing, in the Chakari area 60 miles west of Harare, detaining Mr Heyns, his manager and his wife.

In Bulawayo, Mr Wonder Ncube, an employee at Mr Maguire's garage, was also arrested yesterday.

Lawyers said they believed all the new arrests were related.

A British High Commission spokesman said the Zimbabwe Ministry of Foreign Affairs had been asked for access to one of the detainees, Mr Michael Howard, who holds a British passport.

● Bomb attack: A bomb exploded outside the ANC's administrative offices in Lusaka yesterday, injuring two Zimbabwean teenagers and causing minor damage to buildings. Mr Tom Sebina, the ANC information secretary, told *The Times* that he did not know who was responsible.

The explosion occurred in a culvert a few yards from the gates of the two-story building, which is surrounded by a wall. The injured were two Zimbabwean boys who were passing by, Mr Sebina said.

Windows were broken in surrounding buildings in Lusaka's light industrial area, about two miles from the organization's headquarters in the capital's centre.

Mr Joe Modise, the commander of the ANC's military wing, told reporters that the building was not a strategic location.

"Whoever caused this was wasting his time," he said.

Republican candidates fear fatal shift to centre

From Christopher Thomas, Concord, New Hampshire

New Hampshire's famous conservatism, which propelled President Reagan to victory in 1980, seems to have lost much of its certainty and confidence.

Most of the presidential contenders on the Republican right wing are fighting for survival in the state's all-important primary on February 16, while Vice-President George Bush and Senator Robert Dole — moderates by comparison — look certain to dominate the contest.

A despairing General Alexander Haig is on the verge of abandoning the race. A buffed Mr Jack Kemp, who claims to be President Reagan's rightful political heir, remains way behind in the polls.

And even further to the rear came Mr Pete du Pont, probably the most conservative of all the contenders, and Mr Pat Robertson, the former TV evangelist, whose appeal to the secular world is proving to be decidedly limited.

General Haig, whose brand of conservatism can make President Reagan sound like a slumping liberal, has abandoned his campaign for the Iowa caucuses and thrown everything into New Hamp-

shire, the first primary of the 1988 campaign.

He confessed during a brief break in campaigning that if he fares badly, he will probably pull out there and then.

"I came in to see this through," he said. "But when you get down to it, it's the resources available to the candidates that count. You can get all the good will in the world but if you don't have the resources it's not do-able. Frankly, it's more of a business than I thought."

A poor showing in New Hampshire can destroy a candidate's fund-raising efforts. So far, General Haig has raised a mere \$1.7 million (\$260,000), compared with Mr Bush's \$18.7 million and Mr Dole's \$14.2 million.

Probably only Mr Robertson could survive a thrashing here because he is likely to do well in Iowa and the South, where his born-again evangelical credentials help.

New Hampshire requires itself by law to be the first state to hold a presidential primary every four years. It is small, mostly white, politically atypical, and sends a paltry number of delegates to the national conventions.

It is important only because it is the first, since it adopted the current primary system in 1949, nobody has been elected President without first winning in New Hampshire.

Having cast his opinion, the state sinks instantly from political view for another four years.

Conservatives fear that New Hampshire is drifting to the centre because of the surge of newcomers who want to enjoy the state's prosperity, and non-existent income tax. Near-

ly 60 per cent of New Hampshire residents were born somewhere else.

It has a history of toppling front-runners, including Mr Bush in 1980.

About half the voters make up their minds in the final few days of the campaign; many follow the trends set in the Iowa caucuses a week earlier.

Mr Kemp, for one, thinks New Hampshire may yet revert to its traditional instincts and give the day to conser-

vatives. "The reality is that George Bush and Bob Dole are moderates."

The ferociously right-wing voice of the *Manchester Union Leader*, which helped destroy Mr Bush in 1980 and Senator Edmund Muskie in 1972, is being cast this time in favour of Mr du Pont. It still hates Mr Bush and has the knives out for Mr Michael Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, who heads the polls among Democratic contenders in New Hampshire.

Mr Gary Hart remains high in the polls, despite his high-jinks, although that may have more to do with his name recognition than real popularity. He did, after all, win here in 1984. The former Colorado senator refuses newspaper interviews nowadays, believing that TV appearances are easier to control. It is his way of keeping the debate on defence spending rather than Miss Donna Rice.

The latest opinion polls give Governor Dukakis, the son of Greek immigrants, a decisive lead, followed by Mr Hart and Senator Paul Simon, Senator Albert Gore and Mr Bruce Babbitt.



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Madrid offers bases 'only in crisis' as it considers future role in Nato

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's bases and other defence installations will be available in future to the Americans only in time of crisis or war under agreements reached with Nato, government sources indicated yesterday.

This rejection of a previous bilateral relationship was made clear shortly after Spain presented a letter to Lord Carrington, the Secretary-General of Nato, on Monday night setting out how it foresees making its military contribution to the alliance, while remaining outside Nato's command structure.

Last Friday's agreement in principle with America for a new defence pact covering US bases in Spain, under which all 72 F16 fighter-bombers at Torrejon will be withdrawn, coupled with Monday's proposals to Nato, are the two main planks of the Socialist Government's scheme for a new and more equal relationship with Washington under the Nato umbrella.

Spain's main opposition party, said that if it won power it would not seek to change the terms of the bases agreement reached by the Socialists. But it promised to "study the appropriateness of a full integration by Spain into Nato".

The opposition party also disagreed with the withdrawal of the F16s, saying that it "clearly weakens" the defence of Nato's southern flank. It emphasized that Torrejon would remain a target in the event of an international crisis, and its upkeep would place an increased burden on Spanish taxpayers. The Government, however, believes that Nato will have to share in the upkeep of Torrejon as the base assumes a more alliance-oriented defence role.

According to Madrid, Spain's defence contribution to Nato will not involve service abroad by Spanish forces but will entail defending national territory and air space, "controlling" the Strait

of Gibraltar, naval and air operations in the eastern Atlantic and the western Mediterranean, and offering national territory for logistical bases for Nato's rear line.

Keeping Spain outside the Nato command structure, at any rate while the Socialists are in power, will entail a cumbersome system of parallel Spanish liaison missions to Nato headquarters, and parallel defence planning to decide which assets will be available in peace or war.

To get round the problem of Nato's Gb-Med command in Gibraltar, the Spaniards envisage liaising with Nato's command headquarters in Naples.

The Spaniards are adamant over their claim to the control of the Strait of Gibraltar, even though Spanish admirals admit that their fleet lacks both the ships and modern surveillance equipment to carry out the task, because the Strait forms part of their main defence axis running from the Canaries to the Balearics.

Desperate Cambodians look to Paris

From Neil Kelly

Site Two, Thai-Cambodian border

It is a long way from the Cambodian peace talks beginning in Paris today, but nobody is more concerned about the outcome than 170,000 refugees here at Site Two camp, a mile from the Thai-Cambodian border.

At dusk, almost every adult is close to a shortwave radio for the latest news of the meeting between Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the resistance leader, and Mr Hun Sen, the Cambodian Prime Minister.

In other camps, north and south of Site Two, 100,000 other Cambodians are tuned to the news.

Outside the capital of Phnom Penh, Site Two is the biggest settlement of Cambodians in the world. They live in less than two square miles of scrubby wasteland. A settlement of the conflict now in its tenth year would come like the relief of Mallicking.

It is hard to find much optimism about the peace talks among the camp leaders. Mr Thou Thon, one of the two senior administrators, said: "Even if we get peace I don't think we'll get freedom and independence. The Vietnamese have never treated the Khmer people as human beings, but like chickens in a poultry run."

He knows that Prince Sihanouk is demanding Western-style democracy.

including a free enterprise economy, but says that because this would attract half of Vietnam's population to Cambodia, Hanoi would never allow it.

Camp leaders say that the refugees are yearning to go home, but not to Vietnamese control, and are prepared for hardship in rebuilding their country.

Among these border people are

● A breeding ground for crime, violence and mental illness ●

many men and women who, as refugees, have acquired qualities including courage and determination which will fit them for leadership in the future. Until then, all they can do is survive here, or fight across the border.

On the other hand, however, the chief delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Thailand says that the lack of prospects at Site Two is causing a new type of suffering. International relief workers agree that whatever happens at the Paris talks, something must be done quickly at the camp because in their view the population is "rotting to death".

The Red Cross delegate describes

life here as "a joyless reality where irrational violence fuelled by growing despair has become a day-to-day affair, a reality from which some Cambodians have already escaped through suicide".

Site Two has also become a breeding ground for crime and violence, mental and psychosomatic illness. There is no work, no space, and no few classes for education and training.

Vietnamese forces which have frequently attacked the camp are still within range, while refugees who have run away to become bandits outside the camp return to rob, rape and murder their own people.

With 900 new babies a month, the birthrate is one of the highest in the world. Water is also a pressing problem. All supplies are brought by road, and arguments over water, especially in the hot season, are a leading cause of crime.

United Nations officials want some of the population to be moved to new sites with underground water, improved security and more space, but the Thai authorities are reluctant to move the refugees.

The lack of space is the worst aspect, according to the refugees, who have nowhere to be alone or stretch their

legs. The only legal exit is the track into Cambodia.

Some who have tried that have been killed by landmines. Elsewhere, others have been shot dead as escapees by Thai guards.

● PARIS: In a prelude to the talks, Prince Sihanouk yesterday met Mr Son Sann, a former Prime Minister and a non-communist partner in his resistance coalition (Susan Macdonald

● Vietnamese forces are still within range of the camp ●

writes). Mr Son Sann said afterwards that Prince Sihanouk had indicated that he would be meeting Mr Hun Sen again before the end of the year, perhaps once in North Korea and again in France.

The two main talking points at today's meeting will be a timetable for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia and a future statute for the country.

Speaking in Ho Chi Minh City, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, repeated that Vietnam intended to withdraw its troops by 1990, but said that this could take place earlier if a political solution was reached.

SPECTRUM

Birth of the battle star

As the age of space lasers approaches, Michael Evans reports on Alpha and Zenith Star, the latest developments in Reagan's Star Wars initiative

Two days before Christmas, inside a huge windowless complex set in three acres of rolling Californian hills outside the town of San Juan Capistrano, a significant military experiment named "Alpha" began. Although the event was not classified as top secret, very few details have emerged. For the Alpha project is one of the most controversial and expensive elements of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative. It's the real stuff of Star Wars.

Alpha is a chemical laser which one day, if Star Wars is ever deployed, could form part of an American space-based ballistic missile defence system. The Alpha programme is the most mature of the Strategic Defence Initiative Organization's (SDIO) so-called "exotic" directed-energy technologies under research in a number of American laboratories.

To most people, laser weapons smack of science fiction. To burn through and cripple a Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile during its 300 to 500-second boost phase, a laser capable of working at 25 megawatts would have to focus on the target at a range of about 2,000 miles for seven seconds. But rapid technological advances in laser research have suddenly made these defensive weapons of the future less fanciful.

The full scale ground test in December was at a test site belonging to the American company TRW Inc. It involved passing a mixture of hot hydrogen fluoride fuel, in a partial firing experiment, through the two megawatt aluminium laser to see if it could form the "free" (separated) fluorine atoms needed

to create a laser beam. Since the Alpha laser can only operate in a vacuum, the experiment was carried out inside an airless chamber. No actual laser occurred.

The final phase of the current tests, later this year, will involve mounting the optics (the reflecting mirrors) and producing a laser beam. Work on the Alpha laser concept has been going on since 1978, although it has had a somewhat shaky ride because of Congressional reluctance to stump up enough money. Although the original timetable for the Alpha programme has slipped because of funding cuts, significant progress is now being made.

Richard Garcia of the US Air Force Weapons Laboratory in Kirtland, New Mexico, which is responsible for the project, replied enigmatically when I asked if this latest experiment had been successful. "All experiments, whether everything works or not, are successful because of what you learn," he said. "There are many other laser concepts under research but this one has been going on for about 10 years. We've been at it longer than anyone else and we've learnt a lot. We think it has great potential and there are no signs at this stage that funding is going to be cut again."

In January last year, three American firms - Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Martin Marietta, Denver Aerospace and Rockwell International - began to produce a conceptual design and preliminary costing for a space experiment involving the Alpha chemical laser. TRW also

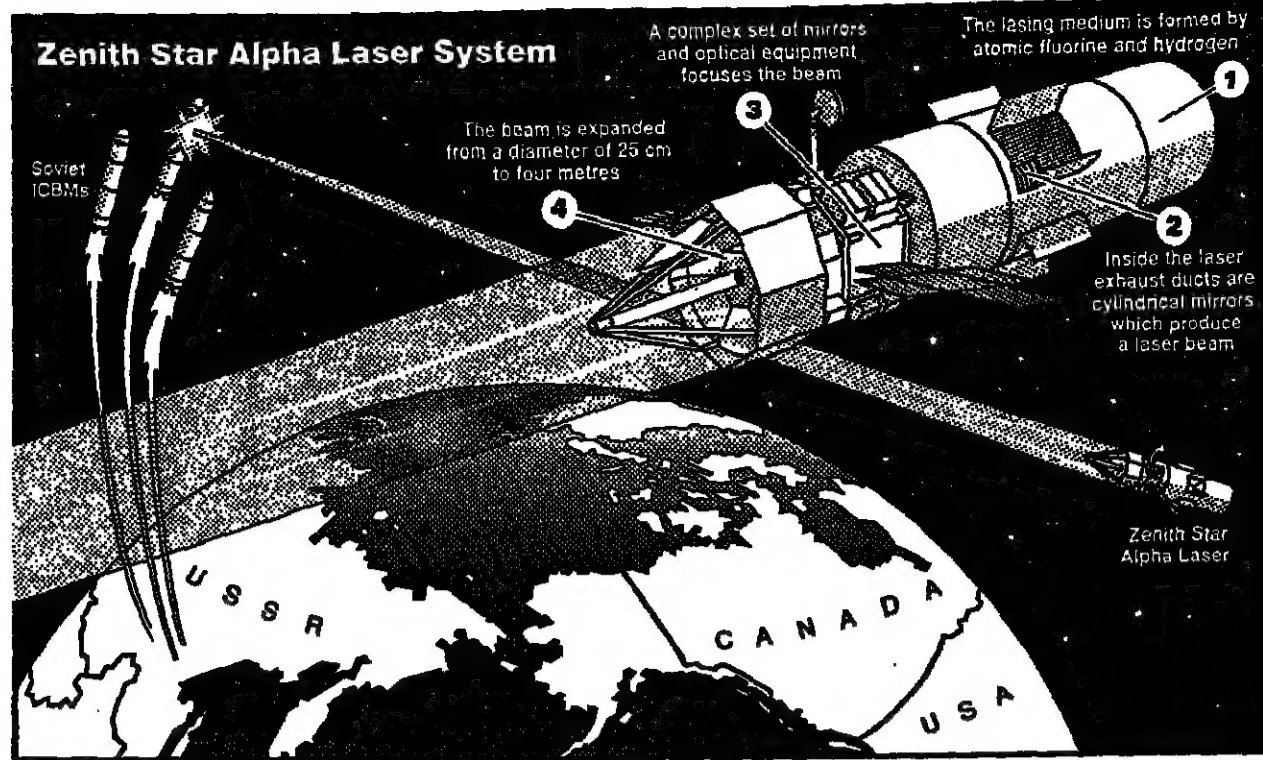
began to assemble the laser at their Californian plant.

The Alpha device, fuelled by hydrogen fluoride, emits an intense beam of infrared radiation. For use in Star Wars, it would require an extremely precise mirror to focus the beam on to the target. Some American scientists and critics claim that such a space-based mirror would have to be 35ft in diameter. The largest space mirror yet made, for the Hubble Space Telescope, which is due to be put into orbit on board the US Space Shuttle next year, is only 8ft across.

However, the series of ground tests which are part of the overall Space Laser Feasibility Study includes the design of a lightweight, adaptive, segmented mirror which will be 13ft in diameter. It is claimed that the technology needed to make an even larger mirror is now well underway. The development is in the hands of the American Itek Corporation.

Subject to Congress funding, both the Alpha laser and the Large Advanced Mirror Programme (LAMP), will be incorporated in a space-based laser experiment aimed for the 1990s known as Zenith Star.

Zenith Star, which has not yet had approval to proceed to the satellite assembly phase, consists of a large, complex spacecraft, weighing 50 tons and measuring 80ft which would carry the Alpha laser and the LAMP mirror as well as sensors to observe the laser. The spacecraft would cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build and up to half a billion dollars to launch. Already the Alpha laser programme alone is estimated to have cost more than \$200 million. The experimental



Destroyed in a flash: Zenith and Alpha in action (above) and (below) Reagan with a mock-up of Zenith at the Marietta plant



LAMP mirror has cost \$25-30 million to build.

Zenith Star holds the answer to some vital questions, such as the effects of laser vibration and the ability to hold the beam on a target more than 100 miles away. In 1982, four years into the Alpha programme and one year before President Reagan's famous Star Wars speech, the Senate Armed Services Committee tried to cancel the project because it was claimed that Alpha's wavelength was too long and that its infrared beam was too weak to pose a serious threat to ballistic missiles.

But as one SDI official said: "Our first objective is to prove that the beam could hold that

spot on the target. We're not talking about destroying it at this stage in the research."

Officials insist that the Zenith Star experiment would be carried out within the restrictive interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, because neither ballistic missiles nor substitutes would be used as targets and it would not be part of an overall anti-ballistic missile system. Moreover, at this stage all the experiments are still ground-based and there is no suggestion, despite stories of political pressure in Washington, that the launch of an experimental laser system into space is imminent.

One major problem is the launch itself. A massive

launch vehicle will be needed for Zenith Star, more powerful than any previous American or even Soviet rocket booster. It is reported that the SDIO is considering a cluster of Titan, Delta and space shuttle rocket systems to generate up to 10 million lbs of lift-off thrust. The launch concept has been nicknamed the Barbarian.

Despite the technology problems, the experiments carried out so far on the Alpha laser and the LAMP mirror demonstrate that the first crucial steps have been taken.

On board the Zenith Star, the Alpha beam, 25cm in diameter, would pass through a hole in the seven-segment LAMP mirror which would be mounted at the front of the

spacecraft. The movable mirror would then expand the beam to a diameter of four metres.

If space-based laser "battle stations" are ever deployed, they would be placed in orbit in such a way as to ensure the required number of weapons are available to counter any ballistic missile launched from anywhere on Earth. Furthermore, since the beam of some types of space-based lasers could penetrate the atmosphere down to the cloud tops, these exotic weapons could even be of use against aircraft and cruise missiles.

There are three other directed-energy concepts being researched in the United States. They are ground-based

BRITISH EXPERTS IN THE LEAD

Enormous advances will be needed in computer technology to manage and control a Star Wars system, whether it is based on lasers or kinetic energy hit-to-kill missiles, known as "smart rocks". British experts are playing a part.

Dr Andy Walker, of the physics department at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, has worked for some years on the concept of optical computing, using light signals instead of electrical signals for processing information. Optical technology, if successful, could make computers at least 100 times faster and more powerful.

Walker, whose department has been given a three-year SDI contract by the Americans, says: "This is strictly non-classified work. It is immediate research which could have all kinds of applications. At the moment we're ahead of others in this field because we have proved that we can make very simple digital optical circuits in the same way that one can produce digital electronics."

"With electronic circuits there is a significant interconnecting problem because you have to lay the wire on a microchip in a very complicated pattern. This is not the case with light signals because they will travel through each other without disturbance, like the beams from two torches shining through each other."

"This has interested the Americans. But optical computers are a long way off in the future."

lasers, such as the free electron laser (FEL) and space-based particle beams and nuclear directed energy weapons, such as X-ray lasers.

The free electron laser in which a beam of electrons is injected through a magnetic field has so far offered the most promising results in the ground-based concept. The theory is that laser light is focused to achieve energies capable of damaging or destroying ballistic missiles. It is then reflected via relay mirrors 22,000 miles in space, down to "mission mirrors" at lower orbit. The research is being carried out primarily at the Lawrence Livermore and the Los Alamos national laboratories.

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Where they must never call time

When the first drinks stumbled into the Leeds detoxification centre, there was a feeling of missionary zeal among the staff that every one should be cured of their alcohol problem.

Now, says the manager Paul Mooney: "We realize that there are those who don't want to change their lives and we are their last safety net."

Last year the centre, situated in a converted Victorian house in front of the city's university, dealt with more than 1,000 admissions for drunkenness, the majority brought in off the streets by the police.

Many of the "clients" had been there many times - Leeds, like most cities, has its problem community of habitual, homeless drunks. But here the police have an option other than locking them up and either involving them in expensive court appearances, or releasing them to offend again.

The centre in Leeds was the first detoxification unit in the country and remains the most sophisticated; the others are in Birmingham and Aberdeen. Those involved - police, staff and clients - all agree the units are a success. The government, however, has withdrawn funding, questioning their usefulness and cost effectiveness.

Now the arguments about the need for a national network of units are emerging again. Roger Birch, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers wrote in a letter to *The Times* on Monday that there is "an urgent need" for more of them. Police stations, he wrote, are not equipped to deal with chronic drunks and policemen are unqualified to handle the potentially fatal side effects of too much alcohol.

In 1986, of the 41 deaths that occurred in England and Wales while under police supervision, 21 were linked with drunkenness. Last Sunday, for instance, a man aged 42 died in Brighton police station, in Birch's force area, after being detained for being drunk and incapable.

The centre in Leeds has seven admission beds and 22 hostel places for after-care accommodation. It opened in 1976 and was initially funded by the DHSS and then received Home Office contributions, but now the £200,000 annual running costs are met

Half of those who died in police custody in 1986 were drunk: yet one solution is under threat

directly by the local social services department, the area health authority, and the police, with only board and lodging charges in the hostel being paid for out of Social Security funds.

Supporters of the system argue that it costs only around £20 a head to deal with each admission, compared to several hundred pounds of police and court time if offenders remain in the criminal justice system. Government arguments that too few clients fail to give up alcohol misses the point of the centre, they say, because it is those persistent, habitual abusers who need their help the most.

The Leeds centre is managed by the voluntary organization St Anne's Shelter and Housing Action. It has a staff of two senior social workers, eight care assistants and eight psychiatric nurses. Once there, a drunk is allowed to dry out before being offered the chance to stay on in a bright, clean room with fitted furniture and colour co-

ordinated bedding and curtains. There is no pressure on him to give up drink permanently, although while at the centre he must stay dry.

Campaigners for more such centres argue that government figures which show that offences of drunkenness are declining are misleading because of changes in the way such offences are recorded and because the cautions prior to a charge do not appear in the calculations.

Inspector Bronwyn Harrison, the police liaison officer with the detoxification centre says: "It relieves the pressure on police manpower. We can process a drunk at the centre in 10 minutes rather than be tied up for hours with paperwork and locking him up until he is sober. That is not resolving the problem for us, the public, or the individual."

The arguments about the value of such places, and who should pay for them, are certain to intensify, but for many of those helped at Leeds it is a one-way debate. Andy, aged 51, and with a lifelong drink problem that has seen him in prison on dozens of occasions and close to death four times, first went to the centre seven years ago. Nine months ago he took his last drink and is determined to stay dry. "In any other city I would be drunk, in jail or dead," he says.

Peter Davenport

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12 Pink (7)							
13 Story (4)							
14 Barrister's office (8)							

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Out of a job

You might think that the man responsible for, among other things, looking out for toxins and bugs in our drinking water, controlling the outpouring of rubbish into the North Sea and trying to stop the depletion of the ozone layer would merit almost top rank in the Civil Service. Well, he used to — but I hear that when the present Chief Scientist at the Department of the Environment, Dr Martin Holdgate, leaves at the end of the month he won't be directly replaced. Instead his job, which is as deputy secretary, will be split up and, although his replacement, Dr David Fisk, will carry the title, the post will be downgraded to under-secretary. As a result, Environment will have less influence in the Cabinet Office — or anywhere else.

Woolly Liberal

The farcical negotiations which Robert MacLennan may leave the Liberal Party without one of its more prominent, albeit recently acquired, members. CND's general secretary, Meg Beresford, who joined the party at its assembly in Harrogate last year hoping to fight the unilateralist case in a merged Alliance Party, is having second thoughts. Yesterday she told me that although she had not yet seen the new policy document she was worried about a fudge over Trident. "I was also extremely disappointed by the inclusion of references to Nato. It is not the sort of thing that should be in the preamble to a political party," she says. Ms Beresford will, however, watch what happens to the merger plans in Blackpool this weekend before either tearing up her membership card or resolving to fight and fight again for the party she loves.

● Welsh Secretary Peter Walker and his young family, who live opposite SDP HQ in Westminster's Cowley Street, are famed for erecting obscuring slogans in their windows. The latest effort reads: "Vote Tory next time. At least we still exist."

Join the Club

The man in the British Airways television ad who arrives refreshed for a business meeting because he flew BA Club World class would have simply been confused if he was based in America. For the £25 million drive to attract businessmen into difficulties in the vital US market even before it was launched. The name Club World had to be dropped to prevent possible litigation by Northwest Airlines, which uses the registered business title World Club. Now the ads in America refer simply to BA's Club class, which sounds rather less flashy than the Super Club category it replaces. BA insists it is not worried by the name change but, with 25 per cent of revenue coming from the North Atlantic routes, it can't help its sales push to have to drop the title there.

● I know that politicians often fancy themselves as newspaper headline writers, but the Shadow Cabinet member who came up with "Ball to stay out of china shop" as reports circulated that John Prescott would withdraw from the contest for the Labour deputy leadership should apply here.

BARRY FANTONI



"He should know better than to try to see a doctor late at night"

Small voice

Civil liberties activists who set up a new group because they felt the rights of little people were being ignored appear to have proved their point. The North West Civil Liberties Group, formed a year ago by members of the local NCCL fed up with its concentration on big campaigns, took as its first case the claims of a widow of a school caretaker in Manchester. She maintains the emergency services' delay in answering her call for help contributed to her husband's death. The group wrote to the Home Secretary last August, sent a reminder in October, and a month later wrote to Douglas Hurd again on a different case — a decision by Cheshire police not to admit them to observe a disciplinary hearing. The Home Office response to date — silence. It will come as small comfort to the campaigners that the first inquiry has been forwarded to the DHSS. I'm told, and the second is being dealt with. Don't hold your breath.

PHS

Robin Oakley assesses the claims of the seven men most likely to succeed

Though opponents maintain they have the blocking third of votes needed to stop it, the odds are that the SDP/Liberal merger will now go through at the conferences to be held over the next two weekends. But who is to lead the new party? There are seven possibilities: David Steel, Robert MacLennan, Paddy Ashdown, Alan Beith, Charles Kennedy, Malcolm Bruce and Alex Carlile.

David Steel, 50, has been Liberal leader since July 1976. His political career for 20 years has been devoted to the realignment of the left. The Liberal Party alone was never enough for him; even as a backbencher he was much involved in all-party projects. Initial leadership of the merged party would be a natural culmination of his career.

Steel is a tough in-fighter, the smiler with the knife, who should never be underestimated. He has the experience and the stature, but will he now want to run, and if he does, has he been so damaged by the past week that he cannot win? The feedback which his MPs are getting is that Steel could have ridden through a single major blunder as party leader. What has damaged him is that people see the policy document episode as symptomatic of his whole, rather remote, approach. He fails to tackle detail, lacks interest in policy and does not consult. If he cannot weld one party into a cohesive unit, say his critics, how could he do it for two?

Friends say that Steel is best when he is fighting, that he could rediscover himself in battling for the leadership of the merged party; that if he gets the Liberals to back merger this weekend then he could be back in the running. Steel campaigners say the party's activists are 2-1 against him and the party members 3-1 in favour.

Robert MacLennan, 51, is the other victim of recent events. The SDP's stopgap leader is a prissy, pedantic lawyer with a reputation for digging his heels in, not always at the right point. But he is also serious and honest, and cares deeply about policy questions.

Liberals blame him for the latest debacle, saying he was looking too much over his shoulder at David Owen and working too hard to prove his political machismo. His original promises to his own party about the need for a firm policy



After the party leaders, the prime contenders are, from left, Bruce, Ashdown, Carlile, Kennedy and Beith

Who will lead the merged centre party?

stance and no "blank cheque" are bitterly devalued by the fudge and muddle policy document now adopted, which leaves policy-making to the machinery of the new party, in which the SDP contingent will be outnumbered.

His impulsive and ill-starred appeal to Owen to come back on board was another major error of judgement. He got the cold shoulder everybody else in politics would have predicted.

MacLennan has guts, but is no orator and performs badly on television. Many in the SDP say he will not even run. I doubt that. No one who uses the expression "as party leader" as regularly as he does will give up without a fight.

Paddy Ashdown, 47, will be the favourite if Steel does not run. A former Special Boat Squadron officer and a Chinese-speaking diplomat, he is good-looking and fluent on television. No politician in either party has charmed as many grass-rootsers speaking his way around circuit.

Parliamentary colleagues resent his obvious hunger for the leadership and question his judgement, but Ashdown has improved on a flashy start to his parliamentary career with an impressive work rate and a greater readiness to consult. A computer enthusiast of prodigious energy, he is doing well on the Education Bill. But one episode will harm his prospects. In 1984 he became the darling of the Liberal left, swinging the party to

vote for the removal of cruise missiles. A year later he swung round to support Steel's compromise, earning the nickname "Paddy Backdown" from incredulous former allies in CND. The radicals see him as having sold out to the establishment, while the SDP is likely to regard him with suspicion.

Alan Beith, 45, the Liberals' deputy leader since 1985, is the safety-first candidate. Strong on judgement, effective in the Commons, but lacking charisma, he too could be damaged by the policy document affair. Some Liberal MPs say he was "up to his neck in that bloody document" as chairman of the policy committee, only to disown it once it came out. Others say he is an honest politician who was only consulted on items rather than the whole document, and who was horrified to find his advice had been ignored. Radical on environmental issues and a thinker, Beith is trusted by many Liberals who may not agree with him on individual issues.

For Charles Kennedy, 29, the problem is, if he were elected what would he do at 39? A future Alliance leader unless something goes very wrong, the carrot-haired MP for Ross and Cromarty has won plaudits all round for his speeches at the SDP and Liberal conferences and for his judgement. Open and amiable, with a good working relationship with

the Liberals, he was promoted for the position now occupied by MacLennan and could have had it. He was mature enough to hold back. He has said he will not run in any leadership contest for the merged party, but if MacLennan did not, the pressure on him would be enormous, simply for the SDP to have a candidate. Has the largest majority of any SDP member. Watch him go in the next leadership contest.

Malcolm Bruce, 44, is the Liberal dark horse. Reluctant and still unlikely to stand, though he is being pushed in activist quarters. A former journalist and an energy expert, he has links at all levels of the party. A muscular speaker who can occasionally make a speech take off, he is liked and respected for his judgement. The question mark would be whether he would be tough enough to force himself on the scene in the Thatcher-Owen era. But if Liberals want another quiet, well-spoken Scot to follow their present leader...

Alex Carlile, 48, is an able QC who says people are urging him to stand. If they are outside his own family or constituency that would surprise his fellow MPs, who find Carlile's involvement in their affairs a little spasmodic and who doubt if he would want to give up his lawyer's income — not even to stop Paddy Ashdown, who is no bosom pal. Would not win many party activist votes after a brush early in his career as home affairs spokesman with the gay rights lobby. Sharp and sardonically witty, but a negative factor on television, Carlile is very much the outsider.

Is there a favourite? If he runs, in spite of all the problems of the past week, it would still be Steel. SDP votes for the devil they know would probably clutch it. If not him then Paddy Ashdown surely has the best hope, on the argument that a new party needs both a new leader and a new style.

In part two of our series on the NHS crisis, Jill Sherman examines the funding options being pressed on the Social Services Secretary

Moore's second opinions

Last October, John Moore told the Conservatives in Blackpool that there were no sacred cows in the National Health Service. Now, sitting uncomfortably astride the barbed wire, the Social Services Secretary is contemplating whether the whole herd should go.

In the face of almost daily demands for him to spell out the Government's plans for the National Health Service, Moore has been extraordinarily circumspect. Yesterday's disappointing performance in the Commons — when he had little new to say — betrays a man subjected to a writer of conflicting advice. Confusing guidance from Downing Street is matched by contradictory advice from the Department of Health, where a handful of radical thinkers is at odds with the conservatism of senior civil servants. In addition the minister is aware that a flood of studies is underway by independent and political groups, all likely to reach different conclusions. So what really are his options?

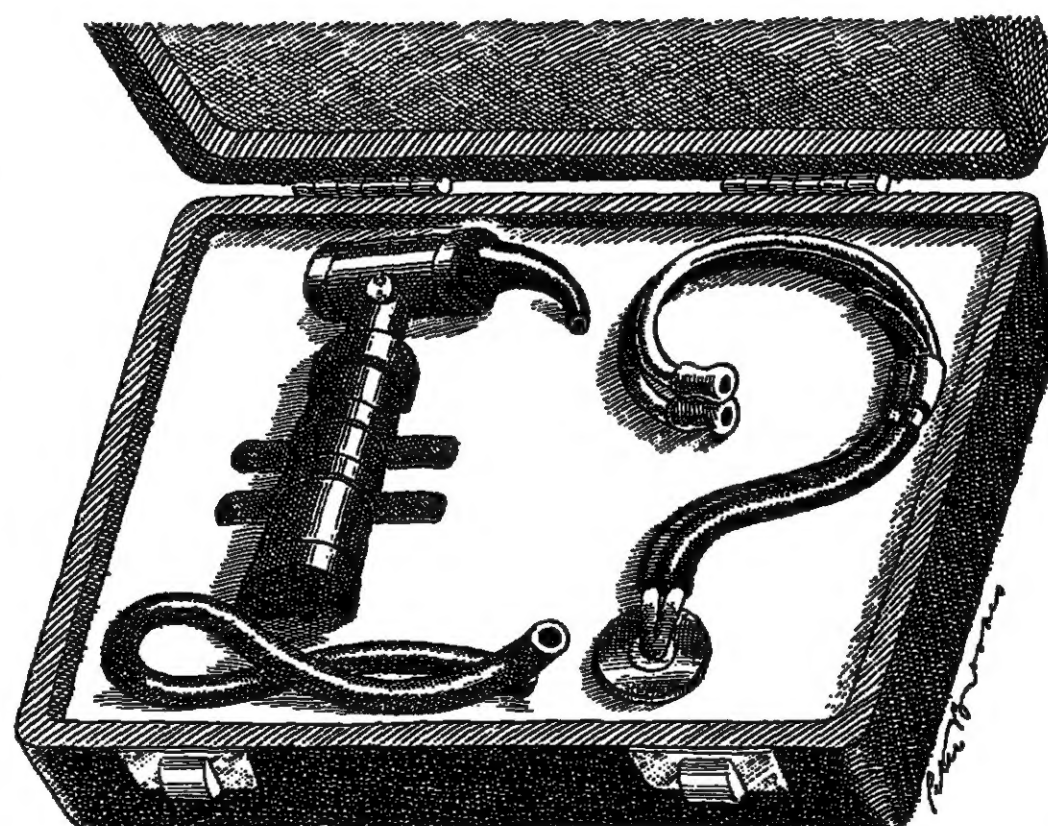
Three camps of thinking are emerging from the present debate. The first is based on a desire to maintain the status quo and merely inject more government funding — between £300 million and £1.3 billion — into the NHS. Its supporters maintain that the current state of ward closures and cancelled operations is merely a result of under-funding over the past five years.

But it is becoming fashionable to argue that a more fundamental change is needed. A second camp consists of people who support a health service funded by general taxation, but who back moves for greater efficiency, more competition within the NHS and with the private sector, and an expansion of private health care.

The third camp argues that none of these measures on their own will answer the problems facing the NHS and that the present funding system will never match public demand. It suggests that the present system be replaced by private or social health insurance, with the options of extending charges and issuing health vouchers. This view, traditionally held by the radical right, is gaining support within health service management and among the general public.

Yet despite the sheets of computer printout emerging from every health academic's Amstrad, the Department of Health has yet to set out its plans. Although Downing Street has asked its policy unit to start finding out about alternative financing, Moore has commissioned no formal or informal internal working parties at the DHSS to look at alternative funding options, such as insurance systems, or to study how these have fared abroad.

The cog-wheels for drawing up a Green Paper on funding options are well oiled but immobile. Civil servants argue that until they are certain of ministerial support for a Green Paper, they do not have the staff to pursue what could be a fruitless and thankless task.



Almost any system of alternative financing threatens two of the Civil Service's sacred cows: the ability to plan services, and to control expenditure. Under social or private health insurance, where the consumer starts to determine spending, planning and control go out of the window.

If Moore is allowed to act on his own desire for a formal review into alternative funding he has two practical options: to commission a Green Paper within the DHSS or to ask a group of outsiders to carry out an initial inquiry. Under the first, the policy and finance groups in the DHSS would team up with representatives from Downing Street's policy unit and from the Treasury. The full working party would then draw up a paper to put to ministers. A Green Paper could be produced before the end of the year with the aim of introducing legislation at the beginning of a fourth term.

Under the second option, which is now more likely, a small team of three or four outsiders could draw up a report within a few months, to form the basis of a Green Paper in an exercise similar to the 1983 NHS management inquiry led by Sir Roy Griffiths.

The group's composition would probably be determined by Downing Street. Mrs Thatcher is likely to favour the second option as, apart from picking her own team, it would allow the Government time before committing itself to reform.

The case for a substantial injection of cash without major reform, favoured by the Labour Party, the health service unions and in part by the medical profession, is now beginning to appear unrealistic. DHSS sources point out that although health authorities would welcome an additional £200-£300 million in the next financial year, much

higher sums — such as the £1.3 billion which Labour has called for — would be difficult to spend unless diverted into capital projects. "We do not have enough trained nurses and doctors to be able to spend £1.3 billion at once," said one civil servant.

Officials are instead working on the middle ground: extending competitive tendering to clinical support services such as radiology, pathology and pharmacy; encouraging joint ventures with the private sector to help reduce waiting lists; and testing the internal market system where health authorities buy and sell spare capacity to each other and to the private sector. Guidance is also to be shortly issued to health authorities on setting up income-generating schemes, such as shopping precincts or sports injury clinics, and maximizing pay-bed revenue.

These proposals, first mooted by Moore in Blackpool, have strong support from the Conservative think tank, the Centre for Policy Studies, and health policy analysts at the independent King's Fund Institute. The former put forward a pamphlet last October advocating a more aggressive policy to promote competition within the NHS. Its director is due to issue another report next month, calling for more joint ventures with the private sector, including income-generating capital schemes. The report will support the internal market model and suggest that profit-making "hotels" for patient recuperation and relatives could be built alongside hospitals.

The King's Fund Institute, shortly to publish its own report on health care finance, is also likely to go for the middle ground. It will support a pilot study of the internal market, more effective management of clinical services and a greater mixture of public and private provision and financ-

ing. It may also advocate hotel charges in hospitals.

Other groups, mainly from the right, support more radical reform. The Adam Smith Institute last week called for the setting up of independent health management units which would provide packages of health care to GPs.

Next month the Institute of Economic Affairs will propose an opt-out system, where people are given a rebate of £140 to pay for private health insurance. The Institute of Health Services Management has also opted to study a range of more radical insurance-based options. At the risk of alienating some of its own staunch NHS-supporting members it is now considering a system of social health insurance based on ensuring "adequate" rather than equitable levels of health care.

The Secretary of State could in fact quite easily shake off criticism from the royal medical colleges, politicians and his ministerial colleagues by skilfully playing to all three of the galleries he faces.

He could at the very least persuade the Treasury to make recurrent the £90 million emergency injection made before Christmas, and add a further £200 million to next year's budget. At the same time he could announce firm plans to extend competitive tendering to clinical support services, allocate more of the £30 million waiting list fund for joint private-NHS initiatives, and set up a regional pilot study for an internal market system.

More important, he must show that he is serious about a long-term solution for the NHS and urgently launch a review into alternative systems of funding health care.

TOMORROW
Doctors and politics

Digby Anderson

Seeing the light at TV-am

Strike-breaking is, above all, a revealing activity. When a company, or government in the case of nationalized industries, makes alternative arrangements to run its business in the absence of its usual workforce, it tends to learn something about that workforce. It is happening now with the TV-am lock-out of the ACTT.

As a company struggles to maintain output with its new arrangements, this something-revealed is hastily referred to as a variation on the wisdom that no one should think himself indispensable, but it is more than that. The TV-am dispute is particularly instructive. It is about working practices which the management thinks restrictive and inflexible and about the payments demanded by the union for these practices. ACTT technicians receive an average wage, with overtime, of £38,550, with some receiving more than £60,000, achieved by overtime payments of 120 per cent. The management wants the technicians to become multi-functional, doing a variety of jobs and cutting overtime.

When the two sides failed to resolve the dispute, the technicians were locked out. But the programmes went on, staffed by managers and secretaries — in the revealing words of one newspaper, "unqualified" executives and secretaries. What they discovered was not only that the work was indeed excessively demarcated: it was something much more interesting than that. They discovered that "frankly, the jobs are not that hard to do".

This, then, is the risk one runs if "unqualified" persons get to do one's "qualified" job. It may be revealed to them, and the world, that those qualifications are not needed. As one secretary explained, having worked successfully on the cameras, if she had realized that was all there was to it, she might well have taken it up. She had always assumed that it was fearfully difficult. She had been intimidated by job mystique.

It's important to be careful. When they say, "frankly, the jobs are not hard", they do not mean there is no work involved. They are not, here, accusing the technicians of laziness. They do not mean there is nothing to doing them: it took a little time to learn them. Nor do they mean anyone, in the sense of everyone, can do them. Some individuals didn't like the videotape work. And indeed work such as the satellite links was usually done by managers with skilled backgrounds. They are not saying that anyone can immediately do anything. Fluor is needed, and practice.

What they have discovered is that anyone can do the work, in the sense that the ability to do it is not the monopoly of a particular group of "qualified" persons and that learning to do it consists not in achieving formal qualifications but in picking it up as you go along.

We don't have enough strikes, lock-outs and strike breaking. If we had more, we would learn just how many tasks, which are assumed to be the natural monopoly of "qualified" groups are "frankly, not all that hard to do". In their absence, we can only speculate. Every now and then a story emerges in the papers of some bright spark who has been passing himself off successfully as a doctor or whatever. Recently, there was a case of one who posed as a hospital chaplain. Such con-men help further fuel the speculation.

The best candidates for doubts would appear to be some of the semi-professions: teaching, social work and management. Teaching (as distinct from a teacher's specialist subject) has always had credibility problems in so far as everyone has been subjected to it, and therefore at least thinks he knows what it involves. It is difficult to keep up mystique in such a public trade.

In both teaching and social work, what seems to be in question is not whether anyone can do it but whether "education" or "social" work theory and practice" is a genuine academic discipline warranting years' study or a craft to be picked up on supervised practice. As pressures emerge, in the wake of recent child abuse cases, to lengthen social workers' training and improve their "qualifications", such reservations should be remembered. And Mr Baker, intent as he is on giving school management more autonomy to manage, would do well to consider permitting it freedom to recruit and retain teachers on the basis of whether they can do the job rather than whether they have paper qualifications in "education". If he chooses such a move could be justified by the fashionable language of non-discrimination.

In medicine, the most immediate topic is the training of nurses, with Project 2000 advocating a degree profession, more academic study and proportionately less job-based skill acquisition, at the same time as GPs resist their nurse practitioners doing doctors' work and while dentists oppose the extended use of dental technicians.

The TV-am message is deeply subversive. It challenges not only assumptions about the dependence of modern societies on increasingly protected specialisms and professions but the vested interests which have grown up, for example, in university departments and in professional associations, to police and promote them. There is a risk that the message will be applied only to technicians and manifest trade unions. A courageous, radical government would extend it to the professions and their trade unions disguised as "professional associations". It could do with a few more strikes and lock-outs to show it the way.

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however... Joseph Connolly

Lady not to be truffled with

There is a little posh chocolate shop I know, and as is the way with such establishments it is decorated in the manner fondly imagined by 1950s arrivistes newly installed in their mansion that to evoke a *fin-de-siècle* atmosphere while reflecting both the appreciation and mastery of a beguiling and shimmering "elegance". In practice, this comes down to flock wallpaper, a swirling, nausea-inducing Art Deco, crystalline chandeliers and an awful lot of gold paint set against a palette of what I believe is intended to be wine and salmon, but hints more strongly of blood and blanchmange.

Now when I say this shop is little I mean it is tiny — the other day I found myself at the wrong end of a queue of five, and fairly jostling for floor space. Added to this, the service is painfully slow because the sole lady in charge (of Teutonic bearing, and wearing the sort of white gloves once beloved of conjurers) picks out the hefty chocolates individually and carefully arranges them in boxes resembling gold bricks, and costing a roughly equivalent sum. All this is prior to her subjecting a perfectly innocent ream of ribbon to the sort of flaying that Captain Bligh might have blanched at, while decking the whole with tasteful sprigs of artificial roses. In short, if you have set your mind on these chocolates, you must resign yourself to writing off the healthier part of an afternoon.

I was quite happy counting the silver drages in a cut glass vessel built on the lines of a saxophone with the merest hint of the funerary urn, but slowly became aware of being stared at by the gentleman before me in the queue. I knew him by sight — one of our many local psychiatrists. "I was just counting the drages," I prattled. His eyes narrowed down. "Why did you feel it necessary to tell me that?" he asked.

Then the little bell on the back of the door jangled and a young couple wandered in, registered the queue, and squatted down on the floor behind me. A palpable frisson shivered the length of the shop; the lady in charge threw down her scissors, tore off her gloves and crushed a handful of

artificial roses in an empurpled fist. Everyone stared at her — except the psychiatrist, who was busy looking at everybody else.

"Stent *erpi*," she barked. "Erpi! Erpi! I will not be off with my bestiality!"

The couple shifted slightly, but when the lady showed signs of advancing with the scissors, they shot to their feet like soldiers. "Yonk people!" she raved. "Zey understand nozing. Zey heff no claws!" Then she went back to her task of hand-picking truffles as if each were a priceless jewel.

"Power complex," muttered the psychiatrist. "Classic." What seemed like weeks wended their way, and I was only one place further on. "One ought to walk out in protest," I said. "Is that what you want to do?" asked the psychiatrist. "Well — don't you think we should?"

"Only you can answer that. You must do what you feel." At that moment everyone leapt out of their skins because the lady in charge let out a shriek that had nearly razed for cover. The young couple were sitting on the floor again, and this time the lady charged down the shop brandishing her scissors and trailing untold yards of multi-coloured ribbon.

"Right — zee's eet. Hout! Go on — hout! I will not heff no louts in ziss sherp!" "Hang on," I said, momentarily deranged. "They aren't doing any harm — and God, you really do take an awfully long time." The lady turned. I was aware only of the sensation of my blood having sloped off for a breather, leaving me to cope alone.

"You halso!" the lady screamed. "Hout! You too heff no claws!" The couple and myself were summarily bundled into the street, and the door was locked. Not quite believing what had happened, I tottered down to the pub for something bracing. After a bit, the psychiatrist came in.

"Do you feel aggressive?" he probed. "Unfulfilled? Aggression must find its own outlet — it's for you to provide fulfilment." This seemed sound, so I told him to go and hang himself, and then popped into the newsagent for a pound of Black Magic.



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MR MOORE AT BAY

"Increasingly through his life Bevan became suspicious and jealous of bodies set up by Parliament to remove power from his own National Health Service he insisted that the minister in charge be directly answerable for everything connected with the Service across the floor of the House of Commons."

In Mr Michael Foot's biography of his mentor, Mr Aneurin Bevan, this is the first mention of the health service. It does not concern social justice or the eradication of disease; it concerns the carrying of the political can. As Mr John Moore found yesterday, of all Bevan's legacies to future health ministers, that complete responsibility is the worst.

Forty years ago that may not have been seen so clearly. But it can clearly be seen now that once a national health service is created, the minister in charge becomes its prisoner. Inside his or her hospital people are commonly distressed, dissatisfied, disenchanted with their lot. The professionals who work to ameliorate these conditions may sometimes succeed — by taking risks, by making hard choices, by acting in confidence, by all the often secret skills of doctors, nurses and their staffs. But, however many cures there are, the hospital and the surgery are never going to be places of unalloyed happiness.

If the medical professionals are contented they will tend to conceal the tough choices of life and death which they daily make and which their predecessors have made for millennia. If they are not content, and if the hospitals have a wide range of owners and managers, there will be no one focus for the national anger at operations postponed, waiting lists extended, and patients dying who could be saved.

If, however, the professions are unhappy enough to break their traditional silence, and there is a single largely nationalized service,

there is only one target, "the minister in charge". It is in such a light that we should see the regular television pictures of troubled doctors and the scarcely less regular political exploitation of sick children. It is also the context in which we must analyse the struggle which Mr Moore — clearly far from fit himself — had to endure in the House of Commons yesterday.

It was not an impressive performance. He sounded ill-prepared to speak and unconvinced by much of what he said. He was suffering from the fact that the Government had, until very recently, forgotten the essential vulnerability which Bevan bequeathed to it.

As of today, the Government is both unwilling to buy the doctors' quietude and unready to change the system. That is the current state of affairs and Mr Moore had no option but to reflect it. He could do nothing but attack the Opposition and defend such minor reforms as he has attempted. This he did, with justification and as much strength as he could muster.

It is now up to the Prime Minister to decide where the Government goes from here. It is said that she had intended the reform of the NHS to be a job for a fourth Tory term; Mr Moore's task was to find this future strategy and prepare the ground for its acceptance. The time for this approach is now past.

She will never have a better opportunity to win support for fundamental change. Britain needs a mixture of health services which will reflect both consumers' demand and their willingness to pay. A country needs a system for keeping it healthy which reflects its current political condition, not the conditions of the 1940s. She should use her opponents' calls of "crisis" to advance this search (several directions are set out on the opposite page). Alternatively, good money will be thrown at wasteful elements of a socialist legacy and good ministers to the lions.

ORTEGA'S CONCESSIONS

If the only issue at the Central American peace talks in San José was who should make the biggest headlines, then President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua won hands down. His last-minute concessions — involving an end to the state of emergency in his country, the release of political prisoners and agreement to hold direct talks with the Contra rebels — ensured him front-page coverage world wide.

It is, however, superficial to measure the outcome of the regional summit in such terms. They disguise the fact that the concessions were not made from a position of strength. The Sandinistas remain in a tight corner — which may be even tighter than before.

The change of line may not, as some have suggested, wrongfoot the Contras and their supporters, so heralding their demise. For one thing, the Contras enjoy more support in Nicaragua than is often allowed and have a somewhat greater will to carry on. There is an obvious contradiction in dismissing them as ineffectual while crediting them (if that is the word in this context) with causing massive destruction and displacement within Nicaragua. Indeed, their supporters can now argue that President Ortega's concessions offer proof that they are an effective political instrument. There is little logic in abandoning the instrument while his concessions have still to be confirmed in practice and while further concessions remain possible.

The Reagan Administration makes it clear that it does not trust the Sandinistas and sees them as once again playing for time — a view supported by the revelations of a recent high-level defector. The latest measures and promises may well have been made for just such a purpose, to influence the US Congressional vote on Contra aid in early February.

Even if his concessions are merely a ploy, however, President Ortega may find them hard to reverse in the face of public opinion at home. He must take into account growing

internal discontent, fed by an increasingly desperate economic situation. If his gestures are now to be seen as no more than a short-term response to a passing external development, his government risks losing yet more ground. There will be inevitable conflicts within the Sandinista leadership, perhaps already reflected in the recent arrests (and subsequent release) of seven members of the internal opposition.

By placing the ball in the other court he has by no means ended the game. In the next fortnight the regime in Managua will be under close scrutiny. The Sandinistas have been unable to prevent the Arias peace plan from concentrating international pressure on Nicaragua, despite continued fighting in El Salvador and Guatemala as well. In the direct talks they have now obtained the Contras will make further demands, in addition to those already put forward by the United States: the reduction of Sandinista forces, the democratization of the Nicaraguan Government, an end to any Nicaraguan support for subversion in neighbouring states and the withdrawal of advisers and other experts from Cuba and other Soviet-bloc countries.

President Ortega has been quoted as saying: "One dollar for the Contras will kill the peace effort." But a fortnight is a long time in diplomacy (and in Congressional lobbying). The next two weeks will probably show that this statement was too simple. The middle ground in Congress is certain to make use again of that convenient distinction between lethal and non-lethal aid. There are limits to the control which can be exercised over Central American guerrillas by auditing their accounts.

The two sides are to meet on January 28 to discuss a cease-fire. This should be the beginning of real negotiations, not just another attempt to manoeuvre for some short-term advantage.

AN ANXIOUS YEAR

Exactly a year ago the world lost sight of Mr Terry Waite, the Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. He slipped from the supervision of his Druze bodyguards to keep an appointment in Beirut details of which he alone knew. That is the last certain news we have had of him. In Beirut, as in London, the prevailing sense is that he is still alive. Exactly where he is being held, by whom and why, is a mystery.

Mr Waite left instructions that if he ever became a hostage those looking for his release should make no deals. That was good practical sense. The only reason for anyone to hold hostages is to trade them. As long as potential captors believed no such trade for him was possible — being blocked by his own prior decision and the unflinching policy of the Church of England and the British Government — they should have had little incentive to capture him. Having taken him, that remains the reason why they should set him free, unharmed.

As far as can be ascertained, Mr Waite's wishes have been observed: no overtures — at least none with official approval — have been made to gain his release which would undermine the fundamental principle that payment of ransoms leads only to further kidnappings. A year after his disappearance, in spite of all the frustration, that is still the right policy. It would be a serious mistake, and no policy. It would be a serious mistake, and no policy. It would be a serious mistake, and no policy.

When he was still free Mr Waite sometimes referred to the possibility that his contacts with hostage-takers might ultimately bring him under their power. It was a chance he was under their power. It was a chance he was under their power. It was a chance he was under their power.

spiritual resources to endure such an ordeal. But he is a strong-minded man and he will have been sustained also by prayer, his own and the prayers of the many people all over the world who wish him safe.

A full account of the reasons for his imprisonment will have to wait for his return, but it seems he was caught in the diplomatic cross-fire of conflicts which were revealed only after his capture. Mr Waite had been publicly involved in the release of two American hostages and it is now known that the US Government had secretly eased their passage to freedom by supplying arms to Iran. In effect, it had paid a ransom.

Mr Waite's captors are presumed to be the same as, or a group similar to, those who held the earlier hostages. Perhaps they believe that a further ransom can eventually be extracted for him. If that is the case, he has become a victim of the kidnapping-ransom-kidnapping cycle, offering further proof of how great an evil it has become.

Given the lack of authoritative information about Mr Waite and the unusual absence of any group prepared to claim him as their captive, it is understandable that the Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff should wish to follow up any lead that might result in contact with those holding him. To do so, however, would send contradictory signals and give the impression that a deal might yet be achieved.

The danger in such contact far outweighs the benefit, for communication will surely flow the other way as well, bringing direct pressure to bear on Dr Runcie and eventually, as the patience of the kidnappers is exhausted, threats to Mr Waite. If any lines of communication have been established, their only use is to reinforce the message — a message which Mr Waite will already have delivered in person — that no deal is possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differences over abortions limit

From Mr J. H. Keen
Sir, Professor Stuart Campbell (January 9) rightly draws attention to the medical practice of describing pregnancy in completed weeks. Can I draw attention to another relevant medical convention, namely the reckoning of pregnancy from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period.

Conception cannot take place until ovulation, which is normally 14 days after the onset of a menstrual period. There is no baby, therefore, until two weeks of pregnancy have been completed.

A pregnancy which has completed 17 weeks, Mr Alton's proposed time limit for abortion, has a baby which has grown for 15 weeks.

Mr Alton is wont to use a photograph of a child in the uterus of 18 weeks' gestation — that is, a child in the twentieth week of pregnancy. I do not think he always makes this clear.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KEEN (Chairman, Medical Committee),
Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus,
22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

From Professor G. L. Williams, QC, FBA

Sir, The Lords have given a second reading to a Bill that would limit the gestational age for abortion to 24 weeks, representing a revised time of foetal viability, and a select committee has published a volume of evidence. It would be wrong for Parliament to start afresh without waiting for the Lords' deliberations.

If the Commons vote for Mr Alton's Bill, it will be in spite of medical opinion. It would restrict the period in which abortion is allowed to 17 weeks (not 18, the figure presented to the public by supporters of the Bill). Even if some change in the law is thought necessary, this limit, which is much below any arguable time of viability, is far too drastic.

The present law and practice are successful in inhibiting very late abortions. In the second quarter of 1987 (the latest figure available) only four were performed after the twenty-fourth week.

Lowering the gestational age will greatly increase the scope for anti-abortion groups like "Life", who press for the criminal prosecution of doctors and seek information against them from nurses and others. To lessen the legal risk, the careful doctor will operate well within the permitted limits; but if he has to do this with a 17-week limit the scope of lawful

abortions will be even more severely curtailed.

Mr Alton's Bill would stand no chance of passing if it did not allow later terminations when the foetus is seriously defective. But he would confine them to cases where "the child is likely to be born dead or with physical abnormalities so serious that life cannot be independently sustained".

These words, which must mean "cannot be sustained by ordinary infant care and feeding", are extremely restrictive. They would even exclude abortions for gross physical defects that are not serious enough to keep the child on a respirator or other artificial life-support system. In these agonising cases the abortion decision should be the woman's (taken, of course, in conjunction with her doctor), not the result of a vote in Parliament by people who are not themselves faced with the problem.

Yours faithfully,
GLANVILLE WILLIAMS,
Merton Gate,
Gazley Road, Cambridge,
January 19.

From Mr Gerard Wright, QC

Sir, In his article today (January 14) Mr Ronald Butt rightly says the case against late abortions centres not on the theoretical status of the foetus in moral law but the pain inflicted on it at that particular stage of development in the process of tearing it to pieces in extracting it from the womb, which is the method in a very high proportion of cases.

There are other less violent forms of abortion which produce, not a dismembered dead baby, but a live one, euphemistically described in the Peel report to Parliament (1972) as "a pre-viable foetus". That report noted that "observations on the pre-viable foetus are necessarily limited to a period of two to three hours". Thereafter it will be dead.

The Peel committee reached the unanimous view that "it would be wrong (sic) to exclude the use of the pre-viable foetus for research". Papers have been published detailing such research, sometimes funded by the Medical Research Council, on these aborted, live and sentient babies.

This research is another inhumanity of late abortions and supplies a further justification for supporting Mr David Alton's Bill. Yours etc,
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Liverpool, Merseyside.

Funding of NHS

From Sir John Burnet
Sir, Successful post-war collaboration between universities and the NHS has resulted in fundamental contributions by medical schools to research, patient care and the training of doctors. All of these are now in jeopardy.

The increasing importance now given to training in general practice, community and social medicine, and in psychiatry by medical schools is one way in which the balance is shifting to truly preventive medicine. The eventual financial savings of this change to the NHS are incalculable, quite apart from the benefits to the nation's health.

Patient care by clinical staff of medical schools represents a considerable commitment of their time and abilities, dealing frequently with difficult or unusual cases and pioneering new forms of treatment. But they have suffered serious losses both of staff and general funding as a consequence of reductions in university funds.

Media 'excesses'

From Sir Maurice Fienness
Sir, Having read Robin Oakley's feature article in today's Times (January 15), I find myself even more amongst those citizens who believe that, having elected a new government with a substantial majority six months ago, we should leave it to that government to decide where the public interest lies, rather than to the media, whose main interest is in filling their space, whether air or newspaper.

Mr Oakley's reference to Sir Robert Armstrong is also a typical press misrepresentation. Has he not read Sir Robert's letter, which you yourself published just recently (January 5), explaining the context in which he used the phrase "economical with the truth"? Any government worthy of the

name should also have the power to defend the public interest, including the worst excesses of the media, who may be accorded freedom but not licence. For example, it cannot be in the public interest for Thames Television to "try" Dr Waldheim, the democratically elected president of a friendly state. As seen from the other side, it is a gratuitous insult and should be prevented.

Finally, while Parliament clearly has a duty to prod the Government of the day into updating the Official Secrets Act, it is understandable that it should itself want to propose what is desirable, rather than leave it to a private member's Bill, however well intentioned.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE FIENNESS,
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January 15.

Israel and Arabs

From the Director General of the Middle East Association
Sir, The demographic problems (Mr Sugrman's letter, January 14) which make Israel unwilling

Flights of fancy?

From Mr J. A. Bush
Sir, The Science Report published by you today (January 15) states that the maximum number of gulls visiting a certain rubbish tip at any one time was 509.

I regularly observe the birds visiting my garden and find it quite impossible to achieve an accurate count of the individuals in a flock when the number involved exceeds about 20.

Please, how does one count 509 seagulls?
Yours faithfully,
J. A. BUSH,
24 Upper Pines, Banstead, Surrey,
January 15.

"to assimilate vast numbers of Arabs" are real enough. But the same problems, in reverse, were there in Palestine in the 1930s and 1940s. The Palestinian Arabs were urged to accept vast numbers of Jews who, as they said then, and as has been demonstrated since, were bound to change the whole nature of the country.

The difference was that the assimilation at that time were not in Palestine: they were hypothetical immigrants from Europe. The Arabs we are talking about today are already in Palestine and have been there for 1,000 years.

The Arabs were told to pipe down and, when they refused, assimilation was imposed by force.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JAMES CRAIG,
Director General,
The Middle East Association,
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St James's, SW1,
January 14.

Foam and fire risk depends on veto

From Lord Stoddart of Swindon
Sir, The Government, acting under pressure from the British public, have, quickly and correctly, decided that from February, 1989, furniture foam will be banned in the United Kingdom.

However, I notice from Hansard and your own parliamentary report (January 12) that Mr Francis Maude, the responsible minister, in reply to a question from Mr Teddy Taylor, MP, stated that the ban would have to be approved by the EEC Commission. So we have now reached a stage where regulations demanded by the British public to save British lives can be vetoed by the Common Market Commission at the behest of other EEC countries prepared, apparently, to put trade advantage before human life.

If uproar is ever justified in the House of Commons this, surely, was an occasion for it. However, as usual when accepting that much of their sovereignty and power has been ceded to a group of foreign powers (or when they are actually voting it away), the large majority of members of the House received the minister's revealing and frightening statement with a docility and decorum that would have done credit to a duchess's tea party.

Yours truly,
STODDART,
House of Lords,
January 13.

From the Director of the Fire Protection Association
Sir, All of us who have a concern for fire safety are pleased at the Government's speedy response to the plea for dangerous furniture foams to be banned.

The Consumer Affairs Minister has drawn attention to the fact that the new UK safety regulations

must be approved by the European Commission and that other countries of the Community may object to the rules as presenting a barrier to their exports of furniture to the UK.

As the Chairman of the Conference of Fire Protection Associations, Europe I am taking steps immediately to ensure that my 13 colleagues, who run the fire safety bodies in other European countries, are aware of the reasons for the step we have now taken in banning dangerous foam fillings and will themselves wish to promote the introduction of similar controls for the protection of the people in their countries.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS WOODWARD,
Director,
Fire Protection Association,
140 Aldersgate Street, EC1,
January 12.

From Mrs M. B. Koe
Sir, Much is being said about the need to have fire-resistant furniture in the future.

What is going to be done about the millions of articles and curtains already in use? Very few people can afford to replace an entire homeful of furniture. Yours truly,
CATHARINE W. KOE,
Winland Avenue,
23 New Road,
Barton, Cambridge,
January 14.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 30, 1919

In 1914 Ignacy Jan Paderewski (1860-1941), the distinguished pianist, withdrew from the world of music and dedicated himself to his country. For five years he served it with distinction, laying down his burden only when his government was defeated in November, 1919.

POLES RALLY TO PADEREWSKI

A PERSONAL TRIUMPH.

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WARSAW, Jan 17. The appointment of M. Paderewski as Prime Minister of Poland has been extraordinarily well received. Every one seems happy; there is a feeling abroad as if the whole city had suddenly got out of debt or some threatening natural catastrophe had been averted off. The fact is we have had very stormy days in Warsaw, with Poland seemingly forsaken by everybody, and negotiations, which were to produce a change of Government and end the suspense, dragging fruitlessly. Heartening messages from the Allied Governments are now eagerly expected.

The fortunate event of last night is a great personal triumph for M. Paderewski. The delicious excitement with which he was greeted on his arrival here showed that true is placed in him by the people. He has not betrayed that trust. Since his arrival in Poland he has worked incessantly, travelling till exhausted, making speeches till his voice was gone, never at any time giving himself rest. For the last four nights he has been up till 5 a.m. or 6 a.m., and then has taken only three or four hours' rest before beginning all over again the round of talking, persuading, and the interviewing of interminable deputations.

I was in his rooms last night when he entered as Prime Minister of Poland. Mme. Paderewski, who has been a tower of strength to him these trying days, threw her arms round him. An officer of his staff cried, "God save Poland!" Paderewski wrung the hands of the few people present with his firm grip, and then, looking very pale and tired, went back to his desk. "One thing comforts me," he said. "It is that I have 95 per cent of the people with me. Perhaps the other 5 per cent may cause trouble. In any case we are only at the beginning of the task."

This is, I suppose, the first time that a great musician has become Prime Minister of a country, and to some minds there may appear contradiction between his genius and the practical work of the statesman. He may be handicapped in the eyes of Europe by his gifts, but everything he has done here has been eminently wise and eminently to the point. He has persuaded a Government to retire without a serious dispute, and combined 15 parties in a union of reasonableness. Nothing could be more practical than that. His Minister of Finance is able to report already that the Posen banknote have offered the State a loan of a hundred million marks (equal in normal value to £5,000,000)...

Paderewski says: "It is indispensable that our relations with the victorious countries of the Entente should be re-established and a clear declaration made that we are one with them..."

The clear determination of the German military leaders to prevent the Poles by every means in their power from resisting the progress of the Bolsheviks has led them to an action of incredible impudence, of which I have been myself a witness...

Poverty in disguise

From Councillor W. W. Bryant
Sir, New-speak and euphemisms seem to grow like weeds in the fertile ground of the Government's current range of Bills before Parliament. Today, in relation to the Legal Aid Bill, we read of the impact on the "less well-off". The Local Government Finance Bill provoked concern for the "not quite poor".

Is there some underlying psychology in these expressions akin to the half-full v. half-empty dilemma? Perhaps the Education Bill will help clarify what is going on.

Yours faithfully,
W. W. BRYANT,
10 Boltons Lane,
Banstead, Surrey,
January 13.

Tax on marriage

From the Reverend Canon John H. Williams
Sir, Social Trends, published today (January 14) by the Government Statistical Service, shows that a large number of young people are cohabiting. From parochial experience I realise that a number of these young people would like to get married but feel unable to buy a house if they do so, due to the Government's taxation policies.

I trust that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will address his mind to this problem as he draws up his Budget proposals.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. WILLIAMS,
St Saviour's Rectory,
Sidney Road,
Forest Gate, E7,
January 14.

Sad warning

From Mrs Elizabeth Marriage
Sir, It is a sign of the times we live in, when the Lady magazine this week publishes a warning to parents advertising for nannies or mothers' helps not to publish the names of their children if their telephone numbers are included as they may receive unwanted calls?

How sad.
Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH MARRIAGE,
Old Barns,
Chelmsford Road,
Blackmore,
Ingatstone, Essex,
January 13.

Forms of address

From Mr R. A. Farquharson
Sir, Honours can even be bestowed abroad (Letters, January 14). I treasure a letter I had in San Francisco addressed to me as "Her Majesty's General Consul". Yours faithfully,
R. A. FARQUHARSON,
The Old Rectory,
Tollard Royal,
Salisbury, Wiltshire,
January 14.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Play's play on words

We Britons have long realised that Americans and ourselves are divided by a common language. What was surprising about the powerfully austere *Down Where the Buffalo Go* by Peter McDougall, which opened BBC-1's new series *The Play on One*, was that it showed that some Sassenachs are now perhaps more united in language and culture with Americans than with certain Scots.

Set on the River Clyde, where the US Polaris base faces Greenock, *Down Where the Buffalo Go* was directly concerned with the workings of language, culture and power in a community where unemployment among the Scots adds poignancy to their economic dependency on the Americans — not least in the involvement between Scottish women and the servicemen.

The drama centred on the relationship between Carl (Harvey Keitel), a long-term show patrolman from the submarine base, his Scottish wife Rachel (Stella Gonet) and his brother-in-law, Willie (Andrew Wyatt) who is made redundant.

Of course, ever since the Yanks in the Second World War came over-paid, over-armed and over-here, films and plays have dealt with the impact of American forces on British society.

The BBC in their Screen 2 series last year had a more humorous variant, *Cost to Coast*, with Leslie Henry on the road with an AWOL American airman.

What is significant about the relationship in *Down Where the Buffalo Go* was that they were so obviously bound up with issues of language, power and nationality as seen through film and television. Keitel and Wyatt gave strong, measured performances, their intentionally mumbled speech was often difficult for an unaccustomed ear to pick up.

For many English, however, it was perhaps easier to understand the American: most of us have seen many more films and television programmes with American speech than Scottish English. The American army commands more screen time than British industry or the unemployed.

Keitel is also a more familiar face than Wyatt because of his many fine screen roles in films such as *Taxi Driver* and *Moon Street*. His style of acting has evolved in a modern American cinema in which words are not leading characters, and in which the director not the scriptwriter, British film tradition has been until recently much more verbal and *Down Where the Buffalo Go* is billed, as is BBC custom, as a "play" with the director (Ian Knox) only named in small print at the bottom.

But, though McDougall is a very distinguished writer who gave us some fine examples of his throw-away verbal bite, the work was as much a director's film as a writer's play. Like the long opening dramatic scene, much was wordless — or background conversation — thus ensuring that, to use one of McDougall's engaging conceits, we were not too hasty to listen; and in acknowledgement of American cultural influence one old Scottish worker even acted out dumb shows as a gun-slinger.

Andrew Hislop

The quality of Mersey

A yckbourn apart, who is the only living British dramatist to have appeared for every one of the last five years on the Arts Council listing of Britain's top ten most produced playwrights in subsidised theatres: Tom Stoppard? Harold Pinter? Simon Gray? John Osborne?

None of them. It is Willy Russell, ex-Liverpool hairdresser and folksinging guitarist, author of the Beatles musical *John, Paul, George, Ringo & Bert*, not to mention *Educating Rita*, *Breathless Park* and (currently at the Lyric) *One For The Road*. He was also distiller of what was for many the best British musical of its decade, *Blood Brothers*, of which he wrote the entire score.

Tomorrow, after a week of previews, Russell has a new play going into the Vaudeville. First seen on his home territory at the Liverpool Everyman two years ago, *Shirley Valentine* is the story of a local housewife, "the St Joan of the fitted units", who is given the chance of an escape to Greece and then has to face the dilemma of a recalcitrant family.

"Pauline Collins is the only character on stage for the entire evening," says Russell. "But this is not a solo show: it's quite definitely a play with an otherwise unseen cast, and it's taken us until now to get it to London because we had a lot of trouble finding the right star."

"Apart from Julie Walters, we've so far developed very few leading actresses from a working-class culture, and it wasn't until I heard Pauline being interviewed on the radio and recognized those vowel sounds that I realized she'd been brought up in Wallasey. Once I discovered that, I told Simon Callow, the director, we were home at last."

Only now on the brink of his forties, Russell must be the nearest thing Liverpool has to a civic playwright, but his background is that of the folk club and the variety circuit rather than traditional legitimate drama. Indeed *Shirley Valentine* came out of an evening he spent watching Billy Connolly and realizing that a great stand-up comic is really building a drama with himself as the entire cast.

Russell is the son of a fish and chip salesman in Kirby. He left school with one O level in English and a determination not to pursue any further education.

"I drifted into ladies' hairdressing, where I had the daily nightmare of getting it all wrong and ruining



Willy Russell (above), potential housewives' choice playwright, talked to Sheridan Morley about *Shirley Valentine*, opening tomorrow

somebody's week; but what really interested me were the Beatles and then the Liverpool poets.

"It wasn't until I started playing the guitar in folk clubs that I found a non-high art form I could really relate to."

"Theatre had always seemed a highbrow slap in the face to people like me. I just couldn't relate to any of it either culturally or socially; it didn't seem to be about people like me, and people like me never seemed to go and look at it."

That, however, all changed when Alan Dossor and John McGrath took over the Liverpool Everyman in the early 1970s.

"They turned it into a real local people's theatre instead of a class-

cal Rep', and at last the working-class voice was allowed to be heard. That was when I decided to go back to college and maybe take up acting or directing or playwrighting or something."

"My first girlfriend [Annie Russell, who has been his wife ever since and was the co-producer who set up the *Letter to Brezhnev* film] took me to the theatre a lot. I discovered that one didn't have to talk posh in the foyers any more."

"That was about when I began writing seven television plays a week, all of them dumped, until in 1972 I got to the Edinburgh Festival with a trilogy called *Blind Science*. Soon after that, Dossor sent me to work with the Everyman touring

company, a guerrilla outfit which used to hit all the pubs in the area with makeshift plays."

"What Dossor really wanted from me was the rewrite of a documentary about the Beatles, which rather shamefully Manchester had done ahead of Liverpool. But after I saw it I told him that my only interest would be in coming up with a new play about them instead, so that was how *John, Paul, George, Ringo and Bert* started."

"I was terrified of opening it on home territory because I knew there would be 50,000 local experts waiting to tell me where I'd got it wrong, or else to shoot it down in flames. We did the whole thing on a budget of £1,000 with a cast

including Tony Sher, Bernard Hill and Trevor Eve, all of whom complained that, at £50 a week, Barbara Dickson was getting a few more than them."

"But I was a 26-year-old fringe playwright with one local hit, and it never occurred to me we'd go to the West End. I remember the first night at the Lyric thinking it was lucky I still had a teaching job."

When John Lennon was killed, "the musical died with him, since its central premise concerned a Beatle reunion. But Russell went on to a lot of television and then the RSC commission for *Educating Rita*, an at least partially autobiographical account of the getting of an education after school.

"When the RSC saw what I had written, they were appalled. It looked like a boulevard play for the experimental space, at the Warehouse and the company directors spent months trying to off-load it onto the Royal Court, until Trevor Nunn finally read it and told them to stop messing about and get it on quick."

"Hollywood bought the film rights and sent it to Dolly Parton, because she was then the hottest thing around. They wanted Paul Newman for the teacher but luckily that all fell through, when Miss Parton said she wouldn't read the script until it had been translated into American, so we were able to buy back the rights and do it with Julie Walters and Michael Caine which was what we had wanted all along."

Working now for the same film director, Lewis Gilbert, on the screenplay for *Shirley Valentine*, Russell is also keen to get back to a third musical.

"To this day even my agent keeps asking me to write the score for *Blood Brothers*, somehow the idea of a playwright who can also write music and lyrics confuses people."

"I've written a lot of songs lately which I've resolutely refused to sell off to the pop industry as singles because I want to keep them in the trunk for when the right new play occurs to me. I'm determined not just to graft them onto any old story."

Meanwhile, they are well covered at the Vaudeville in case of illness when the actress who created *Shirley Valentine* in Liverpool was out of action for a few nights, Russell himself went on to play the part and won a local drama award for best supporting actress.

ROCK

For the fans

Marillion
Hammersmith
Odeon

Surveying the faction of Marillion's incomparably loyal following that had squeezed back in to the Odeon after a three-night run at Wembley Arena as recently as last November, Fish was in a justifiably ebullient mood. The stocky singer, whose hair-line and waistline seem to be moving in opposite directions at an alarming rate, wore a succession of harlequin, tartan and other garish suits which indicated an urgent need for a new tailor. But his confident, friendly banter was that of a performer entirely at ease with his audience, and his dramatic mock-theatrical moves were the work of an increasingly practised showman.

The precise charm of Marillion's music, however, remains the unfortunate legacy of a generation which was over-exposed at an impressionable age to the moderate influences of musical technocrats like Camel, Yes, Rick Wakeman and Pink Floyd. If Fish has ever listened to anyone capable of singing the blues or soul or gospel better than, say, Peter Hammill or Peter Gabriel, then he is not letting on about it. With its foundations resting on such shallow sand, the band has continued to erect towering musical edifices with complex time signatures and tempo changes, convoluted "poetic" lyrics and arrangements pregnant with otiose flourishes.

Last summer's *Clutching at Straws* offered no stylistic advances on its predecessor, and indeed the centrepiece of this show remained a laborious plod through the whole of *Side Two of Misplaced Childhood* — the "concept" album that heralded a commercial breakthrough when it was released two and a half years ago — followed by a canter through the sequence of hits taken from it: "Kayleigh", "Lavender" and "Heart Of Lothian".

While the performance was greeted with slavish enthusiasm by the audience, it was such a similar package to their shows of two years ago at this same venue, that it suggested Marillion has become caught up in the spiral of diminishing musical returns that have long marked the work of their "progressive" forebears.

David Sinclair

JAZZ

Sharp, kooky

Dave Frishberg
Pizza On The Park

Launching a fortnight's residency, the American singer-pianist Dave Frishberg has two good reasons to celebrate. First of all, his album *Can't Take You Nowhere*, recorded live in San Francisco, has gained him his fourth Grammy nomination. As a bonus, he flew into London to discover that the disc was actually on display in one of the Big West End record shops.

A largely self-taught pianist, Frishberg first emerged as a reliable rhythm section player at the end of the 1950s. His career as a lyricist began several years later, after spells as accompanist with vocalists including Anita O'Day, and it was not until the mid-1970s that he began to take himself seriously as a vocalist. With his self-deprecating manner and nasal tones, he belongs to the Sammy Cahn tradition, relying on slick phrasing rather than sheer vocal power.

His songs, he says, mainly fall into three categories: food, humiliation and names. The last had the upper hand in his opening set, with much-covered numbers such as "My Attorney Bernie" alongside tributes to baseball stars and jazz reporters.

The satirical barbs were as sharp as ever but there were moments when he strayed into uncharacteristically saccharine lyrics.

After his customary Ellington medley, demonstrating his stride-influenced technique, he was back on target with "Bliss and Lies", an inventory of "We must have lunch" to grandeur, Nixonian sentiments. And, decades after Mailer's "White Negro", "In His" still touches all the right nerves in its parody of the *Billboard* reader who has a "pal" of "shades" and all the right ghetto slang.

Clive Davis

True or not, it hits home

US THEATRE

The Floating Light Bulb
American Conservatory, San Francisco

San Francisco's American Conservatory Theater has just brought back their production of Allen's uncharacteristic play *The Floating Light Bulb*, a cast touching poignant illumination on his unhealing childhood wounds.

When the play opened at New York's Lincoln Center in 1981 for a brief, poorly received run, Allen described it as not truly autobiographical. But he did admit that his own life paralleled the play in that he grew up in Brooklyn at about the same time (1945), his father worked as a waiter, he had a childhood rather less than happy, he hated the school he had to attend, and he practised magic tricks in his bedroom.

Allen's delicate, personal kind of humour has always derived from two disparate but related wellsprings, the American and the traditional Jewish. He has mastered the wisecrack, the one-liner, but at his best he evokes the definition by Wilhelm Busch, a German humorist: "Humour is when one laughs none the less."

The play's Pollack family lives in Brooklyn's somewhat less than genteel Canarsie neighbourhood, "where Murder Incorporated buries its victims". Max, a waiter so suicidally in debt to mobster loan-sharks that he carries a pistol concealed in a shoulder holster, gives most of his earnings to a gum-chewing good-time girl with whom he talks wistfully of disappearing to Florida to start a better life. His wife, Enid, older than he, dreams up cockeyed financial schemes to help keep her family in food, clothing and shelter. Accused of nagging, she defends herself with utter conviction: "I don't nag, I encourage."

Her younger son Steve, barely prepubescent, already prefers the company of his delinquent contemporaries to attending school. His parents evidently failed to prepare his arrival into the family, for his 16-year-old brother Paul can-

not abide him. Paul, Allen's obvious portrait of the artist as a teenager, has a severe stammer and finds his nearest substitute for happiness is his magic tricks, which provide escape from his surroundings into a secret, enchanted world of illusion and imagination.

At one point, Paul and his father withdraw into the living-room for a heart-to-heart talk, ostensibly to reduce the high tension between them. After a lengthy, stalling silence, Max, literally at a loss for words, opens proceedings by ejaculating: "What the hell's wrong with you?" He ends their little chat with "Once in a while, act a little normal". Most of the audience, deceived by Allen's reputation as a comedian, roars with laughter.

Enid, pouncing upon a providential neighbourhood coincidence, catches Jerry Wexler, a small-time booking agent ("At my age, supported by a German shepherd dog") into their squalid quarters ("I have a flair for decorating") to audition the extraordinarily reluctant artist. Panic ambushed Paul; he vomits; he declares "My skin hurts". Irresistibly forced by Enid, he stammers his pathetic way through his magic routine in a manner so bare-readingly amateurish that the audience squirms in discomfort.

Albert Takizancas's brilliantly imaginative production has given this flawed but richly rewarding and worthwhile play the new lease of life it definitely deserved.

Joy Cahn (Enid), Liam O'Brien (Paul), Joe Vincent (Max), Ken Rula (Jerry Wexler), Yuni Lane (Steve) and Nancy Carlin (Betty, Max's girlfriend) make up the cast, each one excellent, and Ralph Funicello's sets and Beaver D'Beau's costumes transplant us most convincingly to exotic Canarsie.

Paul Moor



Under a spell: Roger Mirmont (left) as Shrigani, deceiving Jacques Sereys as de Pourceaugnac in *Monsieur de Pourceaugnac*

Minor classics dusted off

La Poudre aux yeux/Monsieur de Pourceaugnac
Comédie Française

Lips pursed when the Comédie Française invited Pierre Mondy, France's most sought after commercial theatre director, to turn his boulevard talents to directing Molière's *Monsieur de Pourceaugnac* and Labiche's *La Poudre aux yeux*. Mondy's

PARIS THEATRE

own lips can now curve into a contented smile. His unpretentious, non-establishment approach turns these two distinctly mannered minor classics into an evening of pure enjoyment that brings a decidedly festive air to La Française's turn-of-the-year repertoire.

Authentically packaged in Agostino Pace's period design and Yvonne Sassnot de Nesle's nostalgic costumes, Mondy deftly lifts the crisply contoured plot of *La Poudre aux yeux* out of these deliciously draped and rustling wrappings. He polishes its lightly constructed and working parts until they shine with a new found wit, humour, in whose mid-1900s *petit bourgeois* reflections can be seen their late-20th century counterparts.

Emmeline Malingier and Frédéric Ratinols love each other. To make the match, their respective parents meet for the customary game of consent. In trying to make a good impression on her prospective in-laws, Mme Malingier resorts to throwing a few handfuls of imaginary powder in their eyes, inventing a lifestyle higher up the social scale than the reality of that provided by her patient-less doctor husband.

Completely taken in by this French variant of wool-pulling, Les Ratinols, indulge in casting a little *poudre aux yeux* on their own account. The dust-storm raised by this amusingly observed idio-

syncratic quartet is finally brought down to earth by the arrival of a jovial proletarian uncle.

Exceptionally well cast, La Française players are completely at ease with Labiche's crude and witty text. Francoise Seigner sails through the role of Mme Malingier. A statuesque ship's prow, she navigates her powder kegs of lies round Roland Bertin's endearingly round portrayal of Dr Malingier. An altogether satisfying production, its expertly applied gloss makes a well tempered base from which to glide gracefully giggling into the belly-laugh burlesque extravaganzas of *Monsieur de Pourceaugnac*.

One of Molière's most outrageously fanciful, comical musicals, *Monsieur de Pourceaugnac* make a British panto look like a piece of Ayckbourn. It recounts, with no thought to rhyme nor reason, the misadventures of an ingenuous, middle-aged provincial lawyer who comes up to Paris to consummate an arranged marriage. But his rosbud-lipped betrothed has already given her heart to a younger blood. With the help of the wiles of Shrigani — a Neapolitan charmer — they twirl de Pourceaugnac mercilessly by his gullible nose until he spins truthfully back to the French sticks, with a tale-and-a-half to tell about big city slickers.

Low farce races headlong into high comedy, inconsequential ballet *entrées* into circus clowning, everything is done on the hop and the scenario stretches credibility to the point where one false move and the audi-

ence could snap right back in to a director's face. It is a comedy that permits no errors. Mondy's direction takes the work at face-value, then faithfully re-values it in modern theatrical currency, while preserving the period flavour virtually intact.

The music is spiced with foot-tapping contemporary melodies. And the 17th century reproduction choreography holds up better than the genuine article, particularly during a dream sequence in which de Pourceaugnac is attacked from the rear by an enigmatic troupe of demon doctors brandishing giant syringes.

Pace's design takes an unobtrusive low architectural profile, which all the better frames Sassnot de Nesle's expansive costumes.

of which the visual highlight is de Pourceaugnac bedecked as a dedicated follower of 17th century fashion.

The large, energetic cast seem to be enjoying themselves as much as the audience. If Roger Mirmont, as Shrigani, sings as well as he looks and moves, French musical comedy has to look no further for its own Michael Crawford.

But it is Jacques Sereys as de Pourceaugnac who is the deserved scene-stealer. A laugh hanging on every twitch of his eyebrows, he almost stops the show with a dance routine (which he performs disguised as a Dame) that recalls the very best of *La Cage aux folles*.

Diane Hill

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Disaster's long shadow

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the US Americans can't" - post-traumatic stress disorder", but that is only a recently coined name for a very old problem. Many of the Falkland Islands' mental disorders suffered by people who are placed in extreme situations, such as a war or a disaster like Zeebrugge. Antenna (RBZ, £8.10p) draws its examples from the Falklands conflict. Karl Kirby was a steward on the lavinable whose trauma was so acute that he was being soiling at close quarters at a dying man who had lost both his legs. Kirby was so traumatised that he could not forget it and still gives him nightmares. When he returned from the Falklands, he went on a drinking binge and spent £2,000 on alcohol in three weeks. In 1983, he married but the relationship quickly turned into a disaster. He treats his wife badly. He treats his wife badly, so that she could not get away. Things got so bad that he contemplated suicide. Jim Mulvey, who served on the Sheffield, found himself unable to talk about his experiences and doesn't think he will ever be able to break down the barriers. He became violent to his wife and children and aggressive. Dr. Taff Thomas, a third Falklands sailor, found his wife and then blind, both for no medical reason. His wife had to endure either terrible rages or periods when he refused to speak to her. She began to feel guilty and wondered what she had done wrong - until she met other wives in a similar position. Taff says that the hardest part is admitting the problem; the second hardest is asking for help. Kirby is receiving psychotherapy at the Royal Navy's Hasler Hospital at Gosport. Part of the treatment is to confront them with their anxieties by getting them to produce collages of their experiences. Surgeon Con-

A classless revolution

● It was Jerry Rubin, founding father of the Yippies, who came out with what in the 1960s must have sounded like the most negative and simplistic definition of a revolutionary generation ever uttered — a bunch of Americans who didn't care about anything. Exactly what this radical generation *did* care about, inside and outside America, and what they subsequently *did* about it, is the stuff of *The Year of Dreams* (Radio 4, 11.00am), a kaleidoscopic overview of 1968 as a year of protest, and the first programme in a series of six. Nigel Fountain ably charts the course of dissidence and demos as it spread through America (the anti-Vietnam war movement), Paris (the students' uprising) and Britain (the Battle of Grosvenor Square, the six-week sit-in at Hornsey College of Art when the rugby team was sent in to liberate the canteen, and the pro-Power marchers chanting

civil rights campaigner Abbie Hoffman to make the significant point that the issue of class that fuelled so many earlier revolutions was missing in 1968. In its place were Vietnam, race, the generation gap, drugs, sex, and dress. When these youngsters went to the barricades, says Hoffman, "Marx was Groucho. It wasn't Karl."

● I am absorbing, without too much discomfort, the shocks caused by the changes in the Radio 3 schedules. Scarcely a day goes by without a new jolt. There is at least one *quid pro quo* arrangement I am not happy about. The price that has been paid for the retention of that weekday benison Choral Evensong on Wednesday afternoons at exactly the right time (4.00) is the loss of the Friday transmission which has now been moved to Sunday nights at exactly the wrong time (10.30). Radio 3 should change the name to Choral Nightingale and mitigate the seriousness of the

Peter Davalle

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5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.59
News Briefing: Weather
6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.45 Weather 7.55, 8.55 News 8.55, 9.55 News 9.55, 10.55 Thought for the Day 8.25 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather Travel

9.55 News bulletin
9.55 Midweek with Libby Purves (c)

10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and the team visit the Stillington Gardening Club in North Yorkshire to answer members' questions

10.30 Morning Story: The Incident and the Small Print Andy Stroud. The reader is David Marsh

10.45 Daily Service: The Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace, offers prayers for the release of Terry Waite (c)

11.00 News: Travel: The Year of Dreams (new series): Six-part review of the year. After the power generation challenged the power and ideas of their engineers (1) See below

11.47 Enquiry: Dilly Bellow answers listeners' questions

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6.35 Weather forecast
7.00 Morning Concert: Grig
Gorbenko, piano
Gothenburg SO under
Neeme Järvi, Granger
(Vienna) Turi, Nigro
Maurice, Korak (Slovak)
Dance In F, Op 46 No 4:
Leipzig Gewandhaus
Orchestra under (Ludw.
Masur) 7.30 News
7.35 Concert (continued):
Schubert (Symphony No 2:
State Opera
Orchestra under
Sewallstedt, Mäkelä
(Soviet); Aurèle Hodec,
piano; Edgar (Serenade for
Berg; LPO under Boult;
and La guinea extemporé res
toration Early Harp
Consort of London under
Munrow
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Mozart: Recordings
including Trio in E flat, K
594 (Royal Philharmonic;
Lilian Fuchs, viola;
Mieczyslaw Horowitz,
piano); Piano Trio in E, K
542 (LPO); Piano: Paganini
Virtuoso; Kirshbaum, cello;
Vocali spiegato, O Dio!
(Henderson Price, soprano;
LPO); and Mennin B
lascio, o bella, K 513
(Detrich Fischer-Dieskau,
soprano; Vienna Haydn
Orchestra)
8.35 Doherty: BBC Welsh SO
under Bryden Thomson,
conductor; Paganini
(piano); Variations on a
Nursery Song
10.00 Baroque Russia: John
Hochman, piano; and Maryn
Tan (pseudonym) play
examples of the Italian
sonata court in the mid-
18th century
11.00 Musical Choice: with
Susan Sharpe, Melbourn
Amold (Concerto for Phyllis
and Cynthia; Phyllis and
Cynthia, piano, with
CBO under Arnold);
String Quartet No 2: Dalmé
Quarrie, Thakovsky (The
East West Music Society,
Brahms (Rhapsody); Janet
Baker, mezzo, with John
Allder Choe and LPO under
Boult; Haydn (Symphony No
6; Brahmsiana
Hungarian; under Dorati)
1.00 News
1.05 Piano recital: Paul
Koritzky (Chopin) plays
Bach/Boult & Fantea
Op 77; and Schubert's Sonata

Plus an interview with
Simon Rattle; and Stephen
Walton on Fiddle and
Sinopoli recordings of the
Mahler symphonies (r)
2.10 Vespers: Recordings
featuring Heifetz (violin);
Walton's Violin Concerto;
Saint-Saens's Introduction
and Fando capriccio (LPO
under Sir John
Barropoli); Heifetz
transcription of Gershwin's
I Ain't Necessa (r)
(Brooks Smith, piano); and
Arrangement of
Drigo's Valse bluette (André
Covatti, piano)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Holy
Trinity, Sloane Street,
London. Organ: The choir's
voluntary is Thälben-Ball's
Elegy in B flat, with BBC
Singers. Live transmission
(see Choice)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure:
recorded music selected
presented by Fris, Siegel
6.30 After Music: John
plays John Riche's Three
Whimsies; Vincente
Ricciardi's Despo and
Castelnovo-Tedesco's
Variations a travers les
varieties 7.00 News
7.05 The Ear: interview with
Arts Minister Richard Luce,
and Labour arts spokesman
Mark Fisher.
7.30 Royal Liverpool PO, under
LPO Pesek. With Ernst
Kovicic (violin). Direct from
Liverpool. Berg's Violin
Concerto; and
Burgshaper-Jancsek
Incidental music to Schickel
and de Alca. Sibelius's
Symphony No 9. In the
interval (2.15), a talk about
Schubert's instrumental
music by the late Hans Gail
9.35 The Jewel: the collection
of Lord Rawlinson's sbx
documentaries. Contributors
include Fernando Carrion;
Pat Metheny, S.J.; Joaquin
Bueno, S.J. and Cardinal
Jatin Sin (r)
10.20 Reger: Vienna Schubert
Trio perform the Piano Trio
in E minor, Op 102
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Percell. The recordings
include the Festival Anthem
for St Cecilia's Day 1684: To
Saint Laudemus (Choir of
Christ Church Cathedral,
Oxford), the Voluntary in G
(Simon Preston, organ); and
the Chacony in G minor;
Bach's Concerto for Two
Pianos, harpsichord (r)
11.50 Byrron: Jonathan Hyde with

6.00 TV-am 6.25 H...

9.30	O'Grady Britain presented by Anne Diamond in Australia. After Nine includes an item on books for the very young.	6.30	Great Britain
9.35	Thames news.	7.00	The British Isles
9.30	Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades (game presented by Michael Parkinson. 10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 Thames headlines.	7.20	Colours of the British Isles
9.30	The Time... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical matter 11.10 Alerts 11.25 Thames news.	8.00	TV in the British Isles
1.30	Guesting On. Television critics of the Financial Times and the Coventry Evening Telegraph join Gillian Reynolds and a group of retired people to debate whether or not there is too much television 12.00 Wish You Were Here... 7 (r).	8.00	How to watch the British Isles
12.30	News with Julia Somerville 12.50	8.00	How to watch the British Isles
1.00	Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle. Followed by Chessplayers 1.30 A Country Practice. Woodstock 1969 set in a remote Australian sheep town.	10.00	New and interesting TV from the British Isles
1.30	Votes for Women presented by Sheila McDonald. A continuation of last week's debate on abortion. Among the speakers is Dr Margaret White of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child 1.50 Great Drama serial set in London's rag trade 3.25 Thames news 3.50 Sons and Daughters.	10.20	The British Isles
4.00	Australian family drama serial. Ross & Fooley 4.10 Five Minutes Wonder. Gabrielle Bradshaw makes a Pacific island tour of paper 4.20 The Wind in the Willows. The unusual adventures of Toad and his friends 4.45 C.A.B. The first of a new mystery series for children.	10.30	New and interesting TV from the British Isles
5.15	Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz.	12.00	Five states of the British Isles
5.45	News with Fiona Armstrong 6.00 Thames news.	2.00 am	Dr. David
		2.30	News
		3.00	Pacific
		3.30	City
		4.00	Arts
		4.30	TV
		5.00	TV
		5.30	TV

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2.30	Business Daily.	
2.30	Just 4 P.m. For the young.	7.00
11.30	Tourist: The Wildcats	7.00
	Business. Part two of a five-programme series. (Oracle)	8.00
1.30	Working Words. The second programme of 10 series on writing at work. (Oracle)	
2.20	The Performance Programme.	8.30
2.30	Film: Afterusage (1943, b/w)	
	starring Laurel and Hardy as a Jewish band trying to help a young singer and her mother recover 10,000 from a confidence trickster. Directed by Malcolm St. Clair. 3.50	
4.00	Cartoon.	9.00
	Melvin and M. Melvin Nickolson examines topical issues.	
4.30	Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game.	9.30
5.00	The American Musical. Part one of Gerald and Lew Durrant's series for would-be naturalists (1). (Oracle)	10.00
	American Football. Highlights of the Super Bowl.	
5.30	Before the Law. The second programme in the series examining the claim that everyone is "equal before the	12.15

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MW (medium wave). Stereo on

VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from
6:30am, until 6:00pm, then at
10:30am and 12:00 midnight
3:30am Adrian John 7.00
Nicky Campbell 9.30 Simon Bates
12.30pm Newsnight 1.00
Partridge 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00
Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat
5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.00 Simon
Mayo 10.00 10.30 John Peel
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2-
4.00am As Radio 2 8.00pm
Folk on 2 8.30 Acoustic Roots
9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00
As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As
Radio 2

FM

MW (medium wave). Stereo on
VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports
Round-up 9.30am
4.40am Colin Berry 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.00am Jim Jensen
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00
Shirley Hornford 3.30 Adrian
Lowe 5.00 John Peel 7.00
on 2 8.00 Soccer Special (quarter-
final stages of Littlewoods Cup)
8.30 Listen to the Band (the
Sun Life Band) 10.00 I'm Sorry
I Haven't a Clue 10.30 The
Golden Years (Alan Keith) 11.00
Eton Messing 11.00pm Peter
Linn 3.00-4.00 A Late Night
Music

All programme times given in GMT
6.00am Newskast 6.30 Lunchtime

7.00 News 7.50 TenFour Hours 7.30
Development 7.00
Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review
8.30 Just A Minute 9.00 News 9.05 Preview
of the British Press 9.15 World Today 10.30
Financial News followed by Sports
Roundup 10.45 Stuart Coleman's Record
Book 10.50 News 10.55
Back to Square One 11.00 News 11.05
News About Britain 11.15 Being Human
11.30 London Live 12.00
12.15 Time for Wales 12.25 Farming World
12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.05
News Four Hours 1.30
2.30 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00
Radio World 3.15 Australia Round 4.00
News 4.05 Commonwealth
4.15 World Today 5.00 News 5.05 A Letter
from Wales 5.15 English 5.30 Radio 5.45
Andrews 5.50
6.00 TenFour Hours 6.30 Assignment
6.00 News 6.01 Network UK 6.15 Rock
Scene 6.45 Recording of the
News 7.00 World Today 7.05 A Letter
from Wales 7.30 Financial News 7.40
Reflections 7.45 Sports Roundup
News 11.05 Commonwealth 11.15 White On
11.30 Music Round 12.00 News 12.05 News
About Britain 12.15 Radio World 12.30
Johnnie Walker 1.00 1.01 Outlook

6.00 *Casfax AM*
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was Roger Mathew in it's Your Move (Thw, 6.55 Weather. Also with Jimmy Paxman, John Stapleton and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15 weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.

8.30 Laveme and Shirley. American comedy series 8.55 Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Patti, Cowell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061-614 0424

9.30 Kilroy. Kilroy-Saito chairs a discussion on a topical subject.

10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r), 10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greeting followed by Play School, presented by Iain Lauchlan with guest Sheshaigh Gilroy (r) and The Beatles (r).

10.35 Five to Eleven. A reading by Philippe Urquhart 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Programme meant to meet the critics, introduced by Bob Wellings and Susan Rae.

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. News of Plymouth's planned celebration marking the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada; the art of brown bread making; and actor Barry Foster. 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather.

1.30 Neighbours. Daphne and Des return from their honeymoon; and Dave is optimistic about his courting of Louise 1.50 Going for Gold. European general knowledge contest presented by Henry Kelly 2.00 Musicboard. A preview of radio and television programmes and news of the Daytime Club (r).

starring Jean Stapleton, Richard Kiley and Peter Coyote. A made-for-television story of the dilemma of a family physician—who join her former boss at a smaller company or stay and serve the dynamic new broom for whom she now works.

Directed by Gary Green.

3.50 Penny's House (r), 4.00 Animal Felt (r), 4.10 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r), 4.15 Jackanory. Narya Hughes with part three of Judy Corbale's *The Wrestling Phoenix* 4.25 Whizzing past Paul Daniels 4.50 Yorkshire

5.00 Newround 5.05 White Peak Farms. Episode two of the three-part drama. (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.25 London Pits.

7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Lesa McEnerny and 33-year-old Coleen King, Britain's youngest grandmother, accompanied by her mother, daughter and grandchild. Music is provided by Ray Charles (r).

7.25 The Clothes Show includes a preview of what will be in the fashion shop windows once the sales have ended and news of a new IC-I developed fibre for old wear (r).

8.00 Dallas. Clayton's health is causing concern as is Pam's disappearance from hospital. Meanwhile, JR plots his comeback. (Ceefax)

8.30 Points of View with Anne Robinson.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Q.E.D.: Your Child's Diet as Told (Ceefax) (r) (Choice)

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. Highlights from two of tonight's quarter-final matches in football's Littlewoods Cup. The commentators are Barry Davies and John Motson.

11.40 Weather.

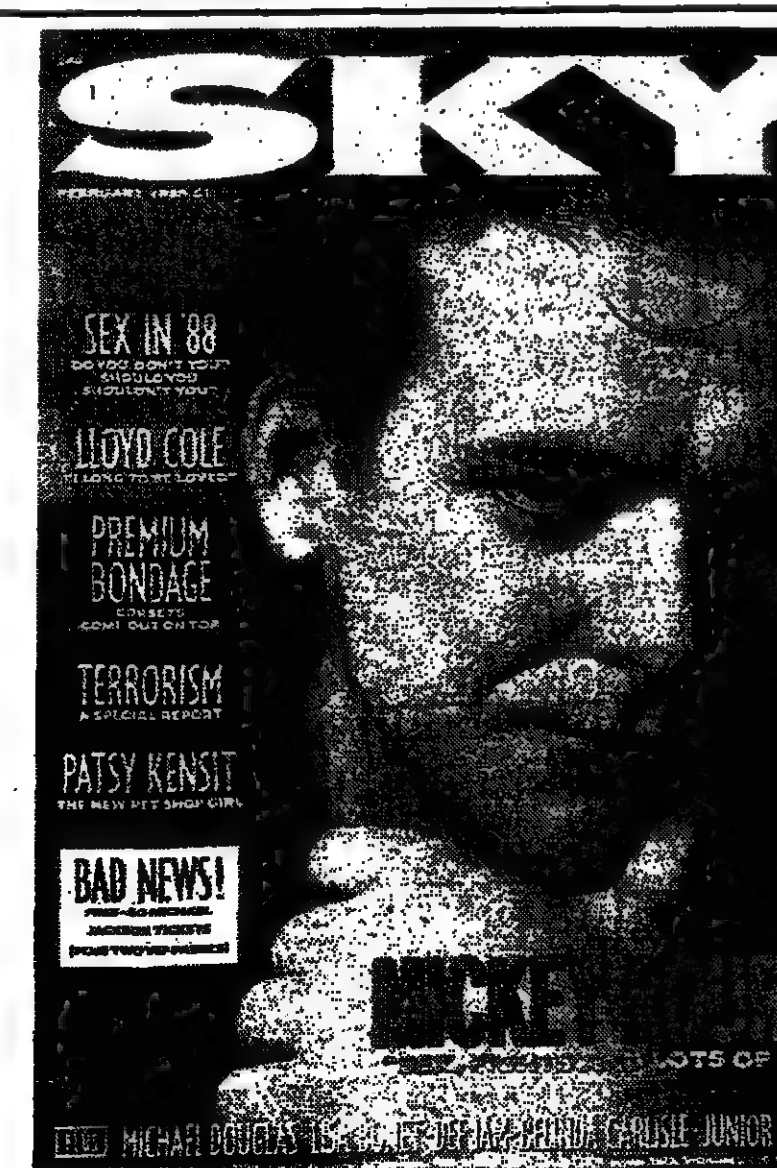
9.00 *Coefax 9-43 Daytime on Two* **6.00** *Film: Hot Enough for June*

Francis and the French 16.00 For
four and five-year-olds 10-15
The story of bread 10.38 Past
and present travel in Scotland
11.00 Words and pictures 11.18
Tutorial topics 11.40 Science:
7-12.45 Working in a high
street bank 12.28 First days
at work 12.50 Business tycoons
1.20 For the young 1.38
Norman classics 2.00 News and
weather 2.15 Weather by Skytime
2.15 Antiques Roadshow from
Ventnor (fr.) (Cesjak)
3.00 News and weather followed by
. Midwinter, introduced by John
Ridgway, includes the film that
have reached the final of the
Mick Burks Film Competition (fr.)
3.30 News, regional news and
magazines 3.50
4.00 Catchword. Word game
presented by Paul Cole 4.30 The
Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part
two of the 13-programme series
(fr.) (Cesjak)
**5.00 European Figure Skating
Championships**. The Exhibition
Gala from Prague 6.30 Film
(1983) starring Dirk Bogarde.
The two main characters are
a parkinsian and diamond dealer who
becomes a British spy in
Czechoslovakia without realizing
the dangers involved. Directed
by Ralph Thomas
7.35 Taxi Avery Carlson.
7.40 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. This
first of 15 programmes features
the year 1956 when Bill Haley
ruled the music scene. In the
newsreels were full of the
Hungarian uprising, the Suez
crisis and the disappearance
of Buster Crabbe (fr.)
8.10 News and
Magazines (see Choices)
8.00 M*A*S*H. The incoming mail
forces for mixed reactions from
the recipients - Hawkeye
receives a copy of his local paper,
Hotlips a black negligee and
Frank a request for a divorce from
his wife (fr.)
9.25 Catchword. Episode three of
the six-part drama set-pie in an
advertising agency. (Cesjak)
10.30 Barbara Doolittle. The Scottish
singer visits Lincolnshire.

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School prayers: a scene from the latest documentary in the



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1. The first group of respondents (10%) was made up of 100% females, 100% of whom were married. The mean age was 36.7 years, with a range of 25 to 45 years. The mean number of children was 2.2, with a range of 1 to 4 children. The mean number of years of education was 13.2, with a range of 11 to 16 years. The mean number of years of employment was 10.2, with a range of 5 to 20 years. The mean number of years of experience in the current position was 6.2, with a range of 3 to 12 years. The mean number of years of experience in the current position was 6.2, with a range of 3 to 12 years. The mean number of years of experience in the current position was 6.2, with a range of 3 to 12 years.

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1423.0 (-17.1)
FT-SE 100
1768.0 (-22.0)

Bargains
23749 (29870)

USM (Datastream)
144.73 (-0.7)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7760 (+0.0040)

W German mark
2.9766 (-0.0021)

Trade-weighted
74.6 (-0.1)

Calor to spin off subsidiary

Calor Group is attempting its second demerger within a year by spinning off its 53.2 per cent oil and gas subsidiary, Century Power & Light. In the process, Calor's biggest shareholder, SHV, the Dutch private holding company which owns 29.9 per cent of Calor, will achieve its stated objective of increasing its stake in Calor to 40 per cent. It will end up with 34 per cent of the newly-formed oil company, Newco.

Initially, Calor will buy SHV's North Sea oil subsidiary, Dyes UK, for around £170 million. Dyes's estimated asset value, Dyes's main asset is a 7.7 per cent share in the Brae oilfield. Calor will then merge Dyes with Century.

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NHLC issue

National Home Loans Corporation is raising a net £97 million via a 7.5 per cent convertible preference share issue to help fund a growing volume of business. Under an open offer, ordinary shareholders can subscribe for the convertibles until February 10.

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Directors go

Three Bremer directors — Mr James Rowland-Jones, the chairman, Mr CD Rees and Mr DB Porter — were removed by a two-to-one margin in a poll of shareholders. Mr Dennis McGuinness has been appointed chairman.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1957.86 (-8.30)
Dow Jones	2298.17 (-12.09)
Hong Kong	2488.15 (-54.04)
Amsterdam	2162.2 (-3.9)
Sydney	1298.8 (-5.3)
Frankfurt	1283.3 (-7.5)
Brussels	985.8 (-148.7)
Paris CAC	2705.5 (-7.3)
Zurich S&K	4152.8 (-5.3)
London	1423.0 (-17.1)
FT 30 Share	1423.0 (-17.1)
FT-SE 100	1768.0 (-22.0)
FT Gold Mines	284.1 (+0.7)
FT Fixed Interest	94.44 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	88.19 (-0.28)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Anglia TV	411p (+17p)
Central TV	511p (+23p)
Hong Kong	2488.15 (-54.04)
Body Shop	885p (+20p)
Calor Group	530p (+40p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	850p (+30p)
First Leisure	612p (+18p)
Vaux Group	505p (+17p)
Jacksons Bours	460p (+31p)
Incubator	245p (+15p)
Costco	265p (+15p)
Sun Life	987.5p (+15p)
Honda Motor	580p (+18p)
Alderson	102.5p (+15p)
Concentric	225p (+10p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	8 1/8%
3-month interbank	9 3/4%
3-month eligible bills	9 3/4%
3-month Treasury	9 3/4%
30-year bonds	10 1/2%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£1	\$1.7760
£100	\$177.60
£1	\$1.7760
£100	\$177.60

GOLD

London	New York
£1	\$1.7760
£100	\$177.60

NORTH SEA OIL

Brut (Mar)	pm \$16.70 bbl
Domestic latest trading price	
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Domestic latest trading price	

Cazenove in cash mix-up

High Court told of new Guinness loan

By Lawrence Lever

An extraordinary mix-up led to Cazenove & Co, brokers to Guinness, receiving two separate sums of £76 million for the same block of 10 million Distillers shares in the closing stages of the bid for Distillers, the High Court heard yesterday.

Both Guinness and Bank Leu, a Swiss bank, sent £76 million on April 17 1986 after Warburg Investment Management put the shares, representing 3 per cent of Distillers, up for auction.

Cazenove tried unsuccessfully to stop the £76 million from Guinness arriving after it had already received payment for the shares from Bank Leu. It was the broker's nervousness that the money would not arrive on time from Bank Leu that contributed to the mix-up.

Guinness is challenging a ruling by the Takeover Panel that the shares were purchased by a party acting in concert with it. Yesterday the court heard evidence which the Panel had taken from a number of parties who were involved in the deal.

The evidence contains conflicting versions of events provided by Bank Leu and Mr David Mayhew, a partner in Cazenove. The two sides disagree on exactly what information the bank gave to Cazenove about the ultimate purchaser of the shares.

The purchaser was a Swiss

company called Pipetec, which Bank Leu says is one of its subsidiaries. Dr Arthur Fürer, then chairman of Bank Leu, was also a Guinness director at that time.

Mr Roger Seelig of Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's merchant bank advisers, said in his evidence to the Panel that he spoke to Mr Mayhew about the share auction on the morning of April 17.

He said Mr Mayhew had rung him and said that he (Seelig) should contact Guinness and stress to them that if they were able to find a purchaser it must be for settlement no later than 3pm that day.

According to Mr Mayhew, Mr Seelig rang him back at 11am to say that a Mr Baumann, a legal officer of Bank Leu, would buy the shares.

Mr Mayhew outbid all rivals by offering 75p each for the shares — 75p more than Guinness was offering in its cash alternative to Distillers shareholders.

Mr Mayhew says that he spoke to Baumann. According to his evidence, he then explained to Baumann the good investment opportunity of buying cheaply into Guinness.

Mr Baumann told him that he was buying the shares on behalf of a client and that "Bank Leu would be the paying agent".

Mr Mayhew said that he then spoke to Mr Seelig and told him that he was concerned about the funds for the purchase arriving on time. Mr Seelig later rang back and said that Guinness would lead Cazenove the money.

Mr Mayhew said the Royal Bank of Scotland (Cazenove's bankers) received the money from Bank Leu between 1.30 and 2pm on 17 April 1986.

Also, just before 2.45pm one of Mr Mayhew's colleagues took a telephone call from Guinness who asked to know whether Cazenove needed the money.

The colleague reconfirmed the need. When Mr Mayhew realized what had happened he tried to stop Guinness transferring money but was not able to do so.

Cazenove therefore took the money and placed it overnight at a very low rate of interest, paying it back the next day.

The court heard that had the Takeover Panel been told when it investigated the purchase that Guinness was providing the funding, even if only overnight, it would have carried out a much more rigorous investigation.

Mr David Oliver, QC for Guinness, said that the responses that the Panel had received to its inquiries from those involved in the transaction "had put them off the scent".



Channeling profits: Anglia's chief executive David McCall (left) and chairman Lord Buxton (Photograph by James Morgan)

Anglia hits a 30-year high

By Alison Keadle

Anglia Television Group has just completed its best year for three decades, according to Lord Buxton, the chairman. The company yesterday unveiled pretax profits in the year to end-October of £12.02 million, an increase of 41 per cent.

Turnover rose 15.4 per cent to £86.85 million, with advertising revenue increasing

by 14.6 per cent against an industry average for the independent television contractors of 13.2 per cent.

Anglia benefits from being the country's fastest-growing region. Programme investment rose 20 per cent last year, and is expected to rise by about 30 per cent this year. Anglia is the only seven-day contractor to offer a 24-hour television service, which started in September.

Although viewership is only 1 to 2 per cent at around 3am, the late-night advertising is fully sold at one-tenth of the price of peak advertising. Anglia says that with modest crewing and the low cost of the programme service, income is exceeding costs.

The board is recommending a total dividend of 14.5p — a rise of 29 per cent — and a scrip issue of three shares for two held.

Societies' record net inflow

By Our Banking Correspondent

Building societies enjoyed a record December money inflow with net receipts topping £1 billion for the second successive month.

The industry attributed the £1.1 billion December net inflow largely to the effect of the stock market crash which has changed the preference of retail investors to building societies.

Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: "Societies have clearly been major beneficiaries of the October stock market crash and in the final three months of the year attracted a large inflow as in the previous six."

In the earlier months, societies said, investors were putting their money into unit trusts or directly into the stock market.

The BSA December figures show deposits were £7.2 billion, the same as September, while withdrawals fell to £6.2 billion from £7 billion in September.

A record £6.1 billion was lent in mortgages and commitments in December.

Output slips by 0.5%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Industrial output fell in November, according to official figures published yesterday, providing further evidence that the economy may be entering a period of slower growth.

Manufacturing output fell by 0.5 per cent within an overall drop of 0.4 per cent in industrial production.

The year-on-year increase in manufacturing output declined to 5 per cent from 6.4 per cent in October.

The figures, taken with

December labour market statistics showing a sharp drop in vacancies and the 1.1 per cent retail sales fall last month, had an effect on City perceptions.

"The evidence is mounting that demand is slackening and the overheating danger is gone," said Mr Andrew Smith, an economist at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruckshank.

As well as the fall in output, the Government's cyclical indicators for the economy pointed to a slowdown in the coming months.

The longer leading index, which predicts turning points in economic activity 12 months ahead, recorded its fifth successive monthly fall last month. The index fell to 102.6 (1980 = 100), from 103.7 in November.

The main reason for the fall in the longer leading index was the continuing effects of the October stock market crash. The shorter leading index, for which a November figure was published yesterday, also fell.

PSBR on course for surplus

By Our Economics Correspondent

The public sector borrowing requirement was just £248 million last month, leaving the Chancellor on course for a substantial "budget surplus" this year and providing scope for sizeable tax cuts in the March 15 Budget.

The cumulative PSBR in the first nine months of the financial year was negative by £426 million; analysts expect a surplus of between £1 billion and £2 billion for the year.

The Government redeemed £200 million from the redemption of British Telecom preference shares last month, taking privatization proceeds

to £5.1 billion, just above the £5 billion official target.

Otherwise, last month's picture was one of continued buoyancy in tax receipts, helped by almost £500 million in early corporation tax payments. The main corporate tax-paying month is January.

Inland Revenue receipts in the first nine months of the year were £4.5 billion or 11 per cent up on a year earlier.

Customs and excise receipts were £2.3 billion, or 7.5 per cent higher. Supply expenditure was up only 3.5 per cent.

One feature of the figures was an upward revision of £400 million in borrowing in earlier months, mainly because of new figures for local authority borrowing. The local authority borrowing requirement rose to £696 million last month.

But City economists still expect a sizeable Budget surplus for the financial year as a whole. Mr Robert Thomas of Greenwell-Montagu predicted a surplus of about £1 billion, while Mr Peter Spencer of Credit Suisse First Boston said the surplus would be between £500 million and £1.5 billion.

Standard Chartered is cleared in Bank inquiry

By Richard Thompson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England yesterday officially cleared Standard Chartered Bank of any illegal conduct during its defence against the £1.3 billion bid by Lloyds Bank in 1986.

It also cleared the "White Squires" — the three investors who effectively defeated the bid by purchasing stakes totalling more than 25 per cent of Standard — of illegally acting in concert.

The long-awaited findings follow an inquiry, launched at Standard's request, by Bank of England-appointed investigators. The Department of Trade and Industry has been informed of the conclusions and has also decided to take no action against Standard.

In a sweeping acquittal, a statement from the central bank said: "The Bank of England is satisfied that there are no grounds for action under the Banking Act against Standard Chartered Bank."

It added that the inquiry had found no evidence that Standard had provided illegal financial assistance for the acquisition of its shares during the bid. Nor had it breached laws against insider dealing.

The Bank added: "We are totally satisfied that there was no active co-operation among the White Squires directed at gaining control of Standard."

There was, therefore, no evidence of a concerted party.

The full report is not being published and is not even being shown to Standard. Mr Michael McWilliam, chief executive of Standard, said: "There is a great sense of relief and vindication for us."

Standard requested the inquiry in February last year

after allegations that it had used illegal tactics to defeat the Lloyds bid in 1986. The bid was defeated at the last minute when Sir YK Pao, Mr Robert Holmes & Court and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat each bought large stakes in the bank. They were then made directors of Standard.

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The Bank of England launched a wide-ranging inquiry under section 17 of the Banking Act, which relates to banks acting in a "fit and proper" manner. The inspectors examined all transactions in the bank's shares by anyone holding more than 1 per cent, from January 1986 to January 1987, which covers the period of the Lloyds bid from April to July 1986.

The Bank may still wish to discuss with Standard points of management control.

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Arco takes stake in Britoil over 24%

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Atlantic Richfield, the Californian oil company battling with BP for control of Britoil, yesterday picked up another million shares in the market at 455p each to raise its stake in the Glasgow-based company to 24.06 per cent.

There is now increased speculation in the City that Atlantic Richfield (Arco), which originally planned to take a 49.9 per cent holding in Britoil, will launch a full bid. BP has built up a 29.9 per cent stake in Britoil and made a full offer at 450p a share.

Sir Peter Walters, the BP chairman, said yesterday the BP offer was fair and reflected its valuation of Britoil based

on BP's extensive knowledge of oil prospects in the North Sea where Britoil has 90 per cent of its business.

Britoil is expected to issue its defence document early next week with a new asset valuation likely to put a much higher asset value on its acreage.

A full offer by Arco would increase the likelihood of the Government clarifying what it intends to do about its golden share in Britoil — formed from the oil assets of the former British National Oil Corporation. The Government has said it would exercise its golden share — the right to

outvote all other shares — in the national interest.

BP has said it is prepared to accept the Government holding a golden share in Britoil and that it would keep the Glasgow offices as base for its own North Sea and offshore oil exploration operations.

BP still says it can develop Britoil's North Sea acreage faster. Britoil contends it has all the finance it needs to develop its own assets and says it had drilled as many wells as BP in the North Sea in the past year.

Britoil, the world's largest pure exploration company, yesterday acquired licences to

drill in Angola, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.

The licence in Angola is a 20 per cent interest in an offshore block equal in size to 20 North Sea blocks. The offshore block in Equatorial Guinea covers an area 10 times that of a North Sea block. Britoil has taken a 25 per cent interest in it and will drill its first exploration well next year. The onshore block in Gabon covers an area 15 times the size of a North Sea block. Here Britoil has a 20 per cent share.

It is also believed Britoil is about to announce further acreage acquisitions in South America and the Middle East

Survey points to public's demand for quality goods

Lip service paid to a watchword

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Quality of goods and services is top of the list for British people when they buy. But a new survey shows that our captains of industry are better at saying that than doing something about it.

Little more than half (56 per cent) of companies rate it important enough for a board member or senior manager to take care of it.

The trend emerges from surveys by Market & Opinions Research International (MORI), the London-based research organisation whose chairman Mr Robert Worcester told a London conference yesterday: "Quality is the watchword for 1988."

He added: "The British public puts the quality of products and services top among the most important things to know about a company to judge its reputation. And British captains of industry also regard quality as number one in judging a company."

Two-thirds of company top executives said they thought it "essential" for a company to have a clearly defined strategy for the achievement of quality

while a further quarter rated it "very important".

But only 56 per cent of the industrialists reported having a board member or senior manager with specific responsibility for guiding the company's quality efforts. Of those that did do so, three-quarters have a director with the responsibility while a quarter have appointed a senior manager.

But it was only one in six cases — or 17 per cent — where it was the top man (chairman, managing director or chief executive) at whose desk the buck stopped on quality issues.

Mr Worcester did point out, however, that when a top man was not involved directly in quality control, some companies have a senior manager doing the job in each of their operating units. Mr Worcester said: "This is important, given the number of companies in the top 100 which are holding companies over a very wide range of operational responsibilities."

A survey of American practice by the Gallup research organization showed a wide range of departments and individuals responsible for quality. Mr Worcester

said. The chief executive officer was the individual named most often.

The survey of British public opinion threw up quality as the factor most frequently mentioned by adults when they were asked which were the two or three most important things to know about a company to assess its reputation. Nearly a third of those questioned — 31 per cent — said the quality of products and services was "an important issue".

Trailing well behind were sound management (mentioned by a fifth of those surveyed), industrial relations and treatment of staff (19 per cent) and profitability (18 per cent).

In a separate survey, top executives said that after quality they would look hard at growth and profit records, customer relations, public image and reputation.

But, MORI asked, what exactly was quality? The industrial leaders came up with several definitions, 39 per cent deciding it was "being better than the competition", 30 per cent that it was "giving value for money", 29 per cent "providing reliability" and 28 per cent "being efficient".

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Gulliver in £5.67m deal for control of Jacksons

By Michael Tate

Mr James Gulliver has moved in on a third quoted company as he sets about establishing a new career outside the food retail industry in which he made his name.

He and a group of associates are paying £5.67 million for a 60 per cent stake in the property development and shoe manufacturing group, Jacksons Bourne End, in a deal that will give him a personal 10 per cent share stake and install him as the non-executive chairman.

Since announcing his decision to step down as chairman of Argyl Group last November, Mr Gulliver has taken over the chair at Broad Street Group, the quoted public relations firm, and made a bid for control of Waverley Cameron, the Edinburgh stationery group.

At the heart of the Jacksons deal is Select Country Hotels, a private company that is headed by Mr Gulliver but run by Mr David Newling Ward.

Select is buying up 30 per cent of Jacksons, and has persuaded its own blue chip institutional shareholders to pick up a further 20 per cent of the shares, making, with Mr Gulliver's stake, a total of 60 per cent.

The shares have been acquired from Norway's Bugge Eiendoms group, at 445p a share in cash — the same price paid by the Norwegians when they bought the stake last February.

Under City takeover rules, Select has to bid for the rest of the shares, but any acceptances it receives will be

pumped straight back into the market, to retain the quote and facilitate future paper-financed property acquisitions.

The deal values Jacksons, whose assets comprise the shoe parts business as well as property developments in High Wycombe and Bourne End in Buckinghamshire, at £9.46 million.

It will be run by Mr Robin Howard, aged 32, the barrister, chartered accountant, and former Gulliver lieutenant at Argyl. He and Mr Newling Ward formed Select a year ago, with the backing of a string of blue chip institutions which together put up £10.25 million.

Select owns four hotels, the Woodland Park, in Leatherhead, Surrey, the Bowden Hall

in Gloucestershire, the Priory in Bath and the Grange in Bristol.

It also manages another four, including the Burnham Beeches in Buckinghamshire which also serves as the company's headquarters.

Mr Howard said Jacksons would continue to operate its existing businesses, although it would concentrate on developing its existing properties and acquiring more.

"We shall look for suitable developments in the hotel and leisure sectors," he said yesterday.

As part of the deal, Mr Gulliver and Select have been granted options on 400,000 shares in Jacksons at 445p, exercisable in slices, but only if the market price reaches 750p and £10 respectively.

Woolworth to buy Tip Top for £13m

By Our City Staff

Woolworth Holdings, one of Britain's largest retailers, is expanding its drugstore operations through a £13 million agreed cash offer for Tip Top Druggists.

Woolworth already has acceptances for 71.4 per cent of Tip Top shares.

Tip Top is the third largest specialist drugstore chain in the United Kingdom with 110 outlets in the north of England and Scotland.

Woolworth intends to amalgamate it with Superdrug, the drugstore chain it bought last April. Superdrug is Britain's largest specialist chain, operating from 339 stores.

Meanwhile, Tip Top also announced disappointing pre-tax profits of £225,000 in the half year to November 28 against £758,000 in the previous first half.

Tip Top's chairman, Mr Fred Brown, said that turnover growth in existing stores was affected by intense competition and results from some newly-opened stores were lower than expected.

Woolworth believes it has the commercial strength and financial resources to develop Tip Top most effectively.

In its last financial year Tip Top's shrinkage rate — lost or stolen stock as a percentage of turnover — rose to 3.7 per cent. The rate is now down to 2.1 per cent, but is still well above the Superdrug rate of just over 1 per cent.

Mr Nigel Whitaker, Woolworth's corporate affairs director, said Superdrug systems would be introduced into Tip Top stores to bring shrinkage rates into line.

Superdrug expects to open a further 100 outlets over the next year with about 60 created out of surplus space in existing Woolworth stores. Woolworth reckons the market can accommodate between 600 and 800 Superdrug stores.

The expansion of Superdrug is producing additional economies of scale in buying, distribution and marketing, which strengthen its competitive position, Woolworth said.

The offer is 110p cash a share with a loan note alternative. There is also a convertible unsecured loan stock alternative worth 105p a share.

Woolworth, whose other operations include the Woolworth high street stores, B&Q DIY chain, Comet edge-of-town electrical retailer and Charlie Brown's car parts chain, has a strategy of building a portfolio of market leading specialist retail businesses.

COMMENT

The screen's message — 1988 will be grim

Cold comfort comes from Morgan Grenfell Securities' analysis of stock market turnover in 1987. With the benefit of glorious hindsight, we can see the crash coming and the determined market exploits of the Kuwait Investment Office when building its stake in British Petroleum through the purchase of the unwanted new shares from the luckless underwriters. And the writing on the computer screen is that 1988 is going to be grim.

Morgan Grenfell Securities does, it must be said, start looking to the future from a bearish perspective and it may be possible to draw different conclusions from the same data. But there is no escaping the conclusion that if turnover does not pick up smartly, then few brokers are going to be able to generate enough income to cover their overheads. In switching from market floor to electronic dealing, from a jobbing system to market-making and from fixed commissions to free-for-all, it was always assumed that the new-style market would generate enough additional volume to cover the enormous spiralling of overheads at the same time as commission rates were falling.

Even in the heady days of summer '87, that was barely the case. Now it is hopeless and the City can look forward to others trudging the dismal trail of redundancies and retrenchment already being blazed by some of the best known names in the business.

There is ample evidence to show that the level of prices is linked to the level of activity and the story since October 19 has been one of extreme volatility in declining volume. The statistics show that just after the crash there was a spate of bargain-hunting by private investors, but there was no follow-through by the institutions and the market-makers drew in their exposures, reducing liquidity and cutting intra-market-maker dealing to one-third of its July level of activity.

As we pointed out in this column on January 1, all the building blocks for a recovery in the market are in place, but we cannot at present see what will encourage the start of construction. And while there has been a rally in prices from the post-crash level, Morgan Grenfell points out, quite rightly, that on the evidence of turnover analysis, "in no way can the buyers' enthusiasm in December be considered to match that of the sellers in October."

Tax-cut caution

The evidence is gradually accumulating that the economy may be slowing down a little. Earlier this week, the December figures for retail sales provisionally confirmed anecdotal evidence that Christmas had not been as good for stores — at least the bigger ones — as had been hoped. Yesterday, we had manufacturing out-

put for November showing a small drop and output for the quarter growing more slowly than earlier in the year.

The evidence so far is very tenuous. One month's figures are a notoriously unreliable guide to trends, especially when they are liable to significant revisions. Tomorrow's preliminary figures for consumer spending in the fourth quarter will provide another straw in the wind. But there is at least some reason for thinking that consumers have drawn in their horns slightly in the wake of the stock market crash, even though before Black Monday the economy was probably growing faster than was previously thought.

Whether this will continue must be doubtful. Earnings have been growing rapidly and show no obvious sign of slowing down. Inflation, meanwhile, is falling, at least as measured by the retail price index, which will tend to increase the real value of those pay increases, encouraging consumers to spend. Worries about overheating could return in earnest with the next set of trade figures.

Before the Chancellor makes his final decisions on the Budget there will be at least one more set of monthly statistics offering some clues on the level of domestic demand and the vulnerability of the balance of payments. Until then a degree of caution on tax cuts will be in order.

Sears bargain offer

Sears mopped up more shares in mail order group Freemans yesterday, taking its stake to 29.9 per cent. Barring last-minute upsets, Sears is cruising towards a comfortable victory when its final offer of 315p a share in cash closes at lunchtime on Friday. For shareholders who are as yet uncommitted, this is clearly no time for heroics. In both timing and price Sears has chosen well. If the bid should fail, there is little doubt that Freemans shares would be in freefall.

The offer represents a 93 per cent premium over the pre-bid level of Freemans shares and the forecast of almost unchanged profits for the year now ending indicates a handsome exit multiple of 22 times earnings.

It lacks both the financial muscle and the all important links with a High Street presence and established retail brands which are likely to prove key factors as the old-style mail order business develops into the modern concepts of home shopping. Freemans catalogue will benefit from the addition of Sears ranges such as Miss Selfridge and Wallis. Allied to Sears distribution infrastructure, marketing clout and cash for development of its business, Freemans looks capable of leapingfrogging a stagnant year or two of development if the bid goes through. The message for shareholders is clear. Accept the bid without delay.

Tax cuts 'would help R&D'

By Derek Harris

Concern over the low level of spending in Britain on research and development has prompted Mr John Banham, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry, to urge the Government to stimulate such expenditure by lessening industry's tax burden.

Britain is at the bottom of the R&D investment league, Mr Banham said yesterday in a letter to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science. Such spending was 20 per cent less for every employee than in France and 40 per cent lower than in West Germany, which tops the investment league. The difference is about £4 billion a year.

An overall reduction in industry taxes would allow companies to plough more profits into R&D, he argued.

But the CBI accepts that business must increase its own efforts. Industries such as chemicals and pharmaceuticals have consistent records of higher R&D spending, he pointed out.

"But many UK companies, in electronics and electrical engineering in particular, lack the scale of operations of their competitors, and will be hard-pressed to fund comparable research and development programmes."

Except in the defence industries, the CBI sees no role for specific tax incentives for R&D. Businesses must be able to fund their own research, Mr Banham told the Secretary.



Talking shop: Terry Wilding who wants 58 office equipment outlets by the end of the year

Strong sales growth at Wilding

Wilding Office Equipment, which has 49 shops and also has its goods sold through a further seven retail concessions, continues to enjoy strong turnover growth in the opening months of this financial year after reporting a 39 per cent sales advance for the 12 months to September 30.

Pre-tax profits in its first full year as a listed company rose from £1.26 million to £2.02 million on a turnover up from £22.2 million to £30.8 million.

A final dividend of 1.95p a share makes a year's total of 3.25p a share, as forecast. Mr Terry Wilding, the

chairman, said that further expansion was planned to take the total number of outlets to about 58 by the end of this year.

The shares, originally offered at 135p each before the December 1986 Stock Exchange listing, rose by 5p to 215p yesterday.

News Corp maintains credit rating

By Our City Staff

The News Corporation, owner of News International, which owns The Times, has held on to its high credit rating at a time when many leading Australian companies have seen their ratings slashed in the wake of the worldwide

stock market crash.

An in-depth study of The News Corporation by Australian Ratings, the credit ratings agency, concludes that, while the high leverage and debt servicing commitments could be aggravated by a recession, "the sheer size of the company

and its cash flow, together with a demonstrated ability to manage media assets and enhance their value, as evidenced by the recent profits growth, are strengths."

Australian Ratings adds: "Accordingly, our rating of News is maintained at A-."

Clark 'will fight for Martell contract'

By Joe Joseph

Matthew Clark & Sons, which has handled sales of Martell cognac in Britain for more than 150 years, appears to be ready to fight to keep its exclusive distribution deal should Seagram of Canada or Britain's Grand Metropolitan succeed in taking over France's second-biggest cognac producer. But Matthew Clark feels it is strong enough to survive should its exclusive contract be dissolved.

It is still unclear how severely the loss of the Martell agency might affect Matthew

Clark, which yesterday reported another rise in pre-tax profits, from £2.62 million to £2.93 million, in the half year to October 31 on increased sales of £33.39 million.

Martell is one of a range of well-known spirits handled by Matthew Clark, including Macallan malt whisky and Taittinger champagne. But it is easily the most important, accounting for 40 per cent of the British cognac market.

Mr Francis Gordon Clark, the chairman, said that there is much to be discussed with any new owner of Martell. The

company's lawyers are keeping an eye on events, he said, and Matthew Clark will not give up the lucrative agency without a struggle. But he said the company no longer depends on Martell for its life.

"At worst we could see a blip in our growth of a year and then we would look to resuming the previous levels of profitability. One is entirely sanguine about the future, whatever the outcome."

The fate of one of Matthew Clark's other prestige brands, Benedictine, also hangs in the

balance. Remy Martin, the French cognac house, has filed an unwelcome takeover bid for the Normandy liqueur company. But Matthew Clark sells a relatively modest 25,000 cases of Benedictine a year and also strongly doubts that Remy will succeed in its takeover plans.

Matthew Clark increased earnings per share from 10.1p to 12.5p in the first half of the year and shareholders will get an interim dividend of 4.5p, 1p better than last year.

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The tin man and the judge

The International Tin Council disaster of October 1985 left a nasty trail of bad debt and broken relationships, and triggered the costly legal battle that this week resumed in the Appeal Court with a confession from one of judges. Lord Justice Ralph Gibson revealed at the start of proceedings brought by MacLaine Watson, the metal brokers, that he had had a chance meeting just before Christmas with Sir Adam Ridley, a director of Hambros Bank, which happens to be one of the TIC creditors involved in the appeal cases. Nothing of significance passed their lips while in conversation at the judge's daughter's house, he assured the court, although Sir Adam did apparently voice his concerns about tin. But that was not all. Sir Adam subsequently sent background papers about the case to the judge's home. These, we were told, were returned unread. The judge apologized for not having stopped the banker from talking tin, but cast no doubt on Sir Adam's intentions. "I'm confident that Sir Adam sent the papers to me in perfectly good faith because he thought I would be interested in the background and not because he wished to, or thought he could, influence me," he told the court. He was allowed to hear the case.

60 not out

If Smith New Court chairman Tony Lewis was spotted smoking a larger version of his famous Monte Cristo cigars yesterday, he had good cause

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The game of Sark

Former Lloyd's chairman Peter Miller, who, according to the Bailiwick telephone directory in Guernsey, owns four properties on the tiny, income tax-free island of Sark, could be in for a shock. A proposal for a massive increase in property tax on the 46 or so island properties

owned by absentee landlords, will be debated in the Sark parliament today. A local committee wants to increase the tax on these "holiday homes" to an estimated £2,000 a year. The average annual property tax on the locally-owned homes would, however, remain at £40.

Broking up

Stanciffe, the Middlesbrough regional stockbroker, now part of Allied Provincial, is, it is heard, closing its London office at the end of this week. While it will still have use of Allied Provincial's office in Warrford Court, Throgmorton Street, its Stock Exchange box, which has been home to 10 dealers, will cease to exist. But senior partner John McCart assures me that for once, the move has nothing to do with the stock market crash. "We have been planning it for about six months," he says. "We have been building up a large dealing centre in Leeds. We already have eight dealers there, there is much more space and it is much cheaper. It may result in some redundancies but we are trying to redeploy them within the group." Stanciffe will use the Leeds office for all private client transactions, while larger institutional bargains will continue to be routed through the Warrford Court office.

Faultless towers?

Crash or no crash, there are, it seems, still some in the Square Mile who can afford to live the life of Riley. A number of City slickers are, I hear, among the guests currently being pampered at the £1,000-a-night Armathwaite Hall hotel in Bessentwaite, in the Lake District. Included in the hotel's £1,995 weekend package is a luxury suite with its own spa bath and sunbathing tower, a return helicopter flight to and from your home, a self-drive or chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce at your disposal, one case of champagne per guest, the pick of the wine cellar and a menu including pâté de foie gras, truffles and Caviar. As a souvenir of your extravagant weekend, you will be given a farewell gift of a sheepskin coat and a personalized crystal decanter. According to hotel director Carolyn Graves, the weekend package is ideal for high-earning City types. "It's for people who work so hard that holidays are a rarity and have to be crammed with a year's worth of pleasures," she says.

Here is a money-spinning scheme for bankrupt city councils which would almost certainly meet with Mrs Thatcher's approval. In the American town of Oklahoma City, where there are an estimated 20,000 holes in the roads, councilors have apparently launched an "adopt a pothole" scheme, appealing to residents to donate \$10 to fill a hole.

Carol Leonard

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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money saved. If you are a winner, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Countrywide	Building/Roads	
2	Mowlem (John)	Building/Roads	
3	Geat	Food	
4	Geat	Food	
5	Wimpey (George)	Building/Roads	
6	Goldberg (A)	Drugs/Stores	
7	Brenner	Drugs/Stores	
8	Sack Shop	Drugs/Stores	
9	Dagen	Property	
10	Laford	Industrial L-R	
11	Reactive Grp	Industrial A-D	
12	Underwoods	Drugs/Stores	
13	Black (Peter)	Industrial A-D	
14	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
15	Morgan Grenfell	Bank/Discount	
16	Pearson Ind	Paper/Print/Adv	
17	Heworth Ceramic	Industrial E-K	
18	Eurotherm	Electricals	
19	Wilson Bowden	Building/Roads	
20	Anglo Nordic	Industrial A-D	
21	Macro 4	Electricals	
22	Selzer	Textiles	
23	Gallagher	Property	
24	Deacons	Property	
25	Ultimate (as)	Oil/Gas	
26	Progenet	Property	
27	Canadon	Building/Roads	
28	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
29	Collins (Wm)	Newspapers/Pub	
30	Rea Bros	Bank/Discount	
31	Preswick Ridge	Industrial L-R	
32	Ford Motor	Motor/Aircraft	
33	Spring Ram	Industrial S-Z	
34	Granada (as)	Industrial E-K	
35	Salway	Building/Roads	
36	Vale Ocas	Chemicals/Plas	
37	Valde Ridge	Industrial S-Z	
38	Silhouette	Industrial S-Z	
39	Anglo (as)	Food	
40	Castle Corn	Leisure	
41	Helical Bar	Property	
42	Wade Porters	Industrial S-Z	
43	Telford	Industrial S-Z	
44	Lee Refrigeration	Electricals	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Stock Price Change

SHORTS (Under Five Years)	High	Low	Stock	Price	Change
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)	High	Low	Stock	Price	Change
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MEDIA & MARKETING

A source of aggravation

Buckingham Palace press office suffered one of its occasional fits of inability to give a straight answer to a deluge of inquiry last week following the announcement by Harry Arnold, royal correspondent of *The Sun*, that the Duchess of York was expecting a baby. Arnold, suffused with self-congratulation over his exclusive story winnowed from the skiing set at Klosters, wrote that it was the first time in history that a royal birth had been announced by a newspaper.

Not quite; if all the false pregnancies announced by Fleet Street in recent years had gone to term, the Princess of Wales's family allowance would rival the Queen's Civil List.

The last occasion was in May 1986, when the tabloid *Today* announced boldly, exclusively and unequivocally that Diana was expecting her third; either they were majestically wrong, or she is still gestating an elephant.

A royal pregnancy is a worthwhile kite to fly; by the law of averages, it will if launched often enough eventually be borne upwards on the breeze of truth. The much-maligned "ratpack" of royal correspondents goes to great lengths to try to establish some shred of veracity, but judgement can be distorted under the pressure of competition, and the pack's contacts on the fringes of the royal circle are not above laying false scents.

Arnold himself, on the occasion in 1981 when Diana's understandably protective mother told the world's press that her daughter was in another country (when she was actually in the next room), wrote: "Fleet Street made a mental note for the future that, contrary to popular belief, the aristocracy do sometimes tell fibs, and occasionally outrageous whoppers."

The man from *The Sun* was claiming privately last week that his story came from "a

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first division source", which in ratpack code means that he or she was a cut above a below-stairs scullion. If the source was merely winding up *The Sun* in retaliation for past mischief, the principal loser was the Duchess herself, her holiday suddenly raised by a plague of scribblers and snappers.

On such occasions the Palace press office does not fare much better, and is left floundering in a sea of ignorance, unable either to confirm or deny. Its usual reason for avoiding a straight answer is that it simply does not know, coupled with a tradition that royal births are announced only when the mother-to-be is in the safe sanctuary of her own home.

Palace press officers, who are so far down the hierarchy of the Royal Household that they almost rub shoulders with the tradesmen, can only make announcements when they themselves are told, and as often as not that is little more than half an hour before the news is made known to the world at large. They cannot confirm or deny the Duchess's pregnancy until she instructs them one way or the other.

Last year the press office lost two experienced figures through the resignation of Michael Shen and the retirement, and subsequent tragic death from cancer, of Victor Chapman. Their replacements do not yet appear to have developed the boldness to ask the Duchess for a straight answer.

Meanwhile, the rest of the royal ratpack, unable to dig up any cast-iron confirmation of *The Sun* story, are completely at the mercy of the Duchess. She, on the other hand, could have saved herself being chased down the pines by the press pack simply by saying "no". Unless, of course, the answer is "yes".

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Scared of the sweethearts

Independent TV producers could be threatened if the BBC and ITV start doing deals with their in-house favourites, warns Peter Lewis

Independent television producers in 1987 saw their biggest breakthrough since Channel Four was formed six years ago when the Government decided to require both the BBC and ITV to take 25 per cent of their programmes from them within four years. Independent output is set to double by 1990; by then the 1,000 hours which they now produce for Channel 4 will be matched by another 500 for ITV and 600 for the BBC. Beyond that looms the far larger target of the 25 per cent.

Exciting prospects. But is there the capacity? Is there the talent to sustain the independents' reputation for original, innovative programming on such a scale? Already the number of companies in the Independent Programme Producers Association (IPPA) has risen by 150 in the past year to more than 500. They vary from the big fish, with a turnover in millions, to the small bands who make one programme or series at a time. Of the 360 independent companies which provided output for Channel 4 in the year, 240 sold only one programme or series. Small is beautiful still among the "Indies".

Even the busiest companies tend to operate from modest offices in side streets, up flights of stairs above shops, with a potting plant serving as receptionist and a blow-heater shared between two desks. There is an endearing feel of the cottage industry.

It has always been a precarious, hand-to-mouth existence, living from commission to commission with constant anxiety about how to pay the overheads when the current job is finished. Until now independents have relied entirely on their customers (usually Channel 4) for funding. Cost control has been fierce; if a programme goes over budget, the difference comes out of their production fee, or profit.

Now, with alternative markets, there is hope of outside money coming to this under-capitalized sector, with an eye on the 1990s when European cable and satellite services also come into service. IPPA director Paul Styles says: "I believe we shall see a move away from 100 per cent funding towards co-productions and co-financing,



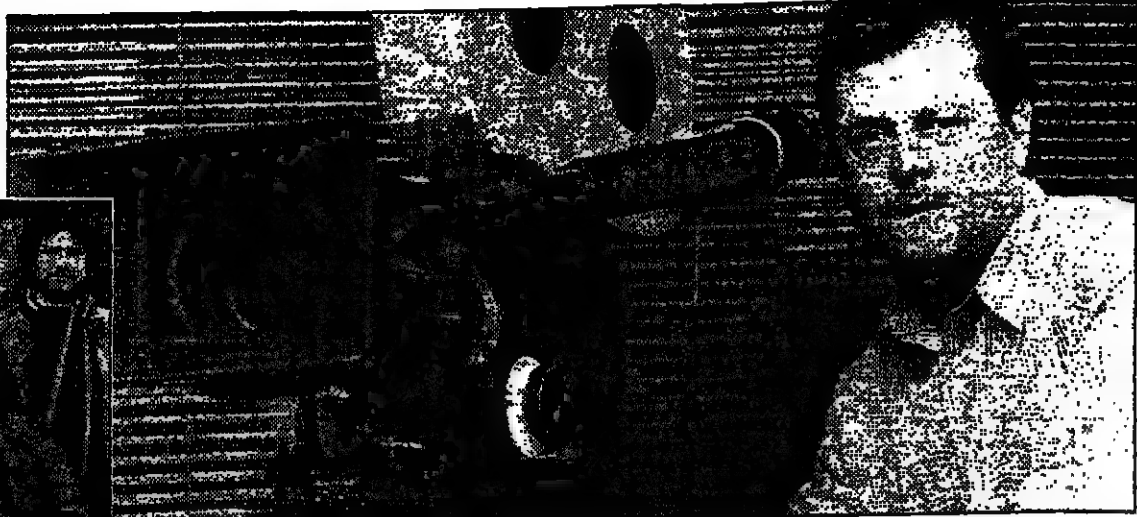
which will make companies less vulnerable.

"With access to the networks and new overseas markets, investment will come in. This is going to be an exciting growth sector." But, he warns, they would be fools to start pouring the champagne yet - partly because of what are known in the trade as sweetheart deals.

A sweetheart deal is ITV or BBC giving work to an in-house producer on going independent. The deal can suit both parties: the producer wants to go, the company wants to build up its quota of independent programmes and they can still go on working together. If there were a large proportion of sweetheart deals in the next few years, the existing independents would be kept out.

These are the producers who jumped ship from the BBC and ITV companies when Channel 4 was announced. On the whole they were the brightest of their generation: there could be a second wave, once again the youngest and brightest, who are less concerned about their pension or redundancy rights.

Independent producer Ann Lapping's company, Brook Productions, specializes in current affairs, and for five years has produced Channel 4's *A Week in Politics*, due to end in July. She does not see the quota as an open door. "We are going to have to work hard to get enough commissions to keep afloat, although we are now producing for the BBC. Current affairs is the heartland on which broadcasters stake their identity and I think they



Caution behind the camera: Andrew Holmes (above) independent producer of *Who Dares Wins* (left)

'It's feast or famine in this business'



Expanding: Lavinia Warner (right) producer of *Wish Me Luck* (left)

'Now the climate is right'

will be reluctant to invite outsiders into that area.

"They may try to make their quota with one big deal, the way LWT have lived off their local news programmes to independents. I think there will be quite a lot of sweetheart deals. I don't think 1988 will be the Midas year for us."

Lavinia Warner, however, is expanding her small company, Warner Sisters, into filmed drama. Her credits include *Tenko* and the new LWT series about women SOE agents, *Wish Me Luck*. "Now the climate is right we are expanding our drama output, with a series on the Hitler Diaries scandal and six plays by women writers new to TV," she says.



with *The Bill Cosby Show*."

Andrew Holmes, of Holmes Associates, is one of the chief beneficiaries of ITV's opening the door to independents. Known for *Who Dares Wins*, he landed a £4 million commission from LWT for an ambitious six-part series on a Second World War fighter squadron, *Piece of Cake*.

Holmes says he is currently working with four ITV companies, providing 30 hours a year, and selling to 11 overseas countries. Is 1988 going to be Independents' Year? "It must be, but I think there'll be casualties among the small operators. There are too many springing up, duplicating expensive resources. It's always feast or famine in this business. But broadcast hours keep increasing by six per cent a year. We could all co-exist, providing we're not too greedy."

In the 25 per cent quota realizable in practice, with the slim-down it implies for the BBC and ITV companies? Many in the industry think it is too high. The BBC's target of 600 independent hours by 1990 represents not 25 but 12½ per cent of its output, excluding news. Does it really plan to double the independent input after that? "Let's say that this is a subject of continuing debate at present," said a cautious BBC spokesman.

For most small companies, in 1988 the tight-rope walking act will continue as before... without a safety net.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Who'll be ruling the waves?

After yesterday's announced changes to commercial radio, Nick Higham reports that big guns and small fry are set for aerial combat

Looking up to take advantage of the cornucopia of the radio frequencies which the new Radio Authority, announced yesterday by Douglas Hurd, will make available, are a diverse bunch of would-be broadcasters. At one extreme are commercial giants, such as Richard Branson's Virgin empire, keen to run the lucrative national pop channels.

At the other extreme are small, altruistic organizations, many of them funded by voluntary subscription and local authority grants, dedicated to providing a radio service for tiny neighbourhoods or ethnic minorities.

In between come many of the most entrepreneurial of commercial local stations, who see national channels as the chance, at last, to make the big money which their restrictive local franchises from the Independent Broadcasting Authority have hitherto denied them, or who propose to link up with new neighbourhood stations in their areas to consolidate their hold on the local audience.

What is not yet clear is how far the new Radio Authority will be able to fulfil the Government's aim of increasing diversity and consumer choice, as well as increasing competition — for advertising revenue with the commercial stations and for audiences with the BBC.

If the three franchises for the national channels are to be offered to the highest bidder, does that mean that less lucrative but more imaginative proposals will be squeezed out? Will the Channel 4-style service, commissioning programmes for minorities from independent producers, which was proposed by London's Institute of Contemporary Arts, get a look in?

The Home Secretary says that all three national services will have to provide "a diverse programme service calculated to appeal to a variety of tastes." Many broadcasters feel that this old-fashioned recipe is impractical and that, long term, separate pop, classical and speech services will emerge.

First in the queue for a popular classical service will be the ex-



Hoping to tune in: (clockwise) David Makers, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Richard Branson and Nigel Walsley

istent Red Rose Radio, Lancashire-based but also the operator of local stations in Leeds and south Wales. David Makers, Red Rose's managing director, believes a popular commercial rival to Radio 3 would win a sizeable audience among up-market ABC 1 listeners who currently tune in to the BBC rather than commercial stations.

Makers has already taken his proposal to one possible partner, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group. Another partner might be the Australian Chalford Communications, which owns 50 per cent of London's speech station LBC — an obvious provider of news for a new channel. And LBC itself is also keen to expand its existing service and go national. The added revenue resulting from both LBC's chronic inability to make big profits and the underfunding of independent Radio News, once a wholly-owned subsidiary of LBC and still



40 per cent owned by the London station.

London's other commercial station, Capital Radio, has led the campaign to persuade the Government of the need for national channels. Its managing director, Nigel Walsley, believes that a national presence would turn commercial radio from a Cinderella advertising medium into one which no advertising agency could afford to ignore.

But at local level, the prospects for those keen to widen listening choice through so-called community radio stations look grim. Market forces rather than social concern seem likely to dictate the pattern of development.

The pirate radio stations in London have demonstrated the extent of the demand for stations broadcasting soul music: they can now claim up to 10 per cent of radio

listening in the capital. The chances are that many legal stations will follow the same pattern as the pirates.

Even though the Home Secretary sees community radio as one way of revitalizing the inner-cities, the new Radio Authority seems unlikely to single out for special treatment a group such as the Afro-Caribbean Radio Project in Brixton, which Hurd visited last year.

That project is dependent on local authority grants — which the Government dislikes for fear of Labour-controlled councils taking over the stations they pay for — and on the goodwill of volunteers in the community. It would provide an alternative voice for black Londoners, but one which is unlikely ever to attract the large audiences for the substantial revenue of commercially-minded soul stations.

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BYLINES

No more Amore

The reprieve of Radio London, previously under consideration for the axe along with Radios Birmingham and Manchester, has not altered the future of Derrick Amore, Radio London's manager. Once a television wunderkind, Amore is taking early retirement at the age of 52.

In the 1960s, with his penchant for tinted glasses, a cigarette holder and target practice with an air rifle from his office window, Amore was rarely out of the news. He became the last editor of *Tonight* at the tender age of 29; quarrelled with his star presenter on *24 Hours*, Cliff Michelmore; was banned from driving for three years after crashing his car in Shepherds Bush; and created *Nationwide*.

In 1971 he was appointed editor of Television News, but five years later he was quietly given the job of special adviser to BBC2 controller Aubrey Singer after an incident during the Balcombe Street siege. Singer appointed him manager of Radio London in 1980, but like previous managers, Amore was unable to improve the station's dismal audience figures enough to please those at the top. A new "managing editor" will now be appointed to continue the struggle.

All in the family

The *Financial Times* has lost no time in offering its new Canadian sister paper, the *Financial Post*, access to its famed (and, it is said in certain quarters, under-exploited) database. A journalist from the *Post*, in which FT parent Pearson now has a 25 per cent stake, arrived at Bracken House on Monday and will select material from the FT's computer (including stories for the following day's paper) to send electronically to the *Post*, which goes daily on February 2.

Double vision

Vision Broadcasting International of Swindon is being surprisingly laid back about *The Vision*, BBC2's attack on satellite religion starring Lee Remick and Dirk Bogarde. "It was a reasonable sort of programme for what it was," says Harry Drew, boss of the independent evangelical television production company, though he thought it went on too long. But Drew is grateful to whoever pointed out to the BBC that *Vision Broadcasting* runs a cable TV programme called *The Family Channel*, with the result that the sinister outfit seeking to rule the world in the BBC film was hastily rechristened the People Channel.

For the record

Former BBC court correspondent Michael Cole has been appointed BBC TV's arts and media correspondent. He will now be eligible to join the Broadcasting Press Guild, an organiza-

tion whose chief rule is that everything said at its meetings is on the record.

Capital idea

City venture capital firm Guidehouse is seeking to raise money under the Business Expansion Scheme for a new newspaper, backers unnamed. But the sum involved, according to Guidehouse, is a modest £2 million, and while the newspaper is a daily it will not be national, putting paid to notions that this could be a new middle-market rival to the *Mail*, *Express* and *Today*. Adrian Bradshaw of Guidehouse has no comment to make on the suggestion that his client is planning an assault on the London evening market.

Briefly...

A new eight-page fortnightly, *Financial Technology*, hit the nation's fax machines last weekend, the first to use facsimile as a publishing medium... IPC reports encouraging demand for its new women's monthly, *Essential*, currently being test marketed in the West Country; advertisers have been guaranteed a circulation of 500,000... Thirty-five staff, including two journalists, have been made redundant at *EuroMoney* following the *Stock Market* crash... It is not true, says Christopher Ward, director of glossy free-sheet publishers Redwood and one-time *Daily Express* editor, that Redwood has made a bid to buy *UK Press Gazette*...

Nick Higham

As befits a man who specializes in never doing things by halves, Robert Maxwell's life-story is about to hit an unsuspecting British public in triplicate.

The race to pen the first biography of the publisher and soccer club owner has been won by Tom Bower whose *Maxwell — The Outsider* also promises to be the most critical and controversial. It contains "masses of revelations" according to Bower, who accuses Maxwell of having written to dozens of people urging them not to co-operate

in the writing of the book. His tome, to be serialized next month in *The Sunday Times* and on the bookshelves in March, will be followed closely by Maxwell — *A Portrait of Power*, written by two former senior Mirror journalists. Although Peter Thompson, one-time editor of the *Sunday Mirror*, and Anthony Delano, a *Mirror* veteran of 25 years, were unceremoniously dumped by the mogul, they insist it is not a "hatchet job".

Last, but far from least, is the "official" biography commissioned by Maxwell which is being written by Joe

Cap's three

Robert Maxwell will be 65 this year and the race is on to tell his 'true' life story

Haines, erstwhile press chief to Harold Wilson and present political editor of *Mirror Group Newspapers*. His book should be published in time for Maxwell's 65th birthday in June.

In spite of accusations from rival authors, Haines insists

he has been left free to write what he wants. "He (Maxwell) doesn't even ring me up to ask me how I am getting along."

Unlike his competitors, Haines has had access to records and people — including long interviews with his subject — which he believes

will make his the definitive work. "The first essential of this book," he says, "is that it should be a good read. It can't be a good read if people see enormous gaps or anything like that. It would be most unimpressive for me to say mine ought to be the better book, but it should."

Delano and Thompson disagree. "The public should buy our book because we are better writers than the other two," says Delano. There are promising "revelations" and a riveting account of his war record — including how he was awarded the Military Cross.

Richard Evans

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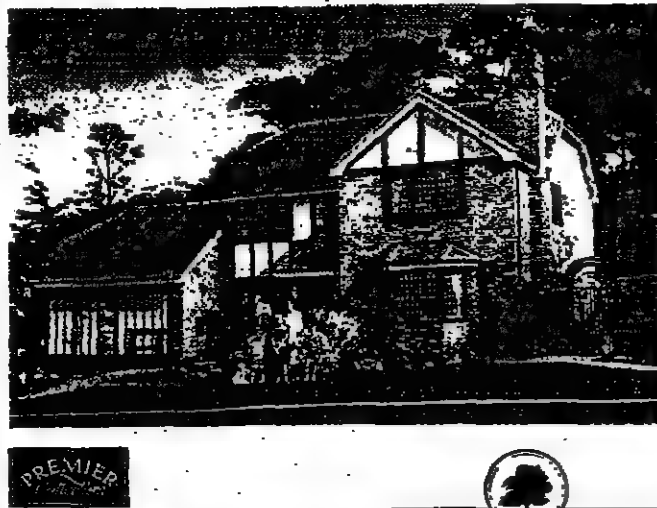
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SKIING

Tomba on course for second title

From Iain Macleod

On a day when it seemed that the entire population of the Wallis region came to pay homage to the multi-talented local hero, Firmin Zurbriegen, they had, instead, to acknowledge the irresistible force of Alberto Tomba, of Italy.

Tomba, who only on Sunday clinched the World Cup slalom title, yesterday took a large step towards winning the giant slalom title, as well then he triumphed in the fourth race of the season by almost two seconds over Guenther Mader, of Austria. It was Tomba's seventh win in nine races this season.

He seemed barely concerned with the state of the piste, which met with general disapproval - and got on with the task in hand to complete the two runs on the Farnet course in a total time of 2m 33.43sec.

Mader, who was sixth on the first run, improved to third on the second leg, though his time of 2:35.35 still left 1:39sec behind Tomba's time.

Zurbriegen, though almost a second behind Tomba, was still well-placed after his third on the opening run but lost his chance by doing poorly in the early stages of the second leg.

Zurbriegen's intermediate time of 40.12sec was only a second slower, and though he improved slightly on the lower part of the course, tenth place was the best he could manage.

RESULTS: 1. Tomba (I), 2m 33.43sec; 2. Mader (A), 2:35.35; 3. Zurbriegen (S), 2:36.81; 4. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 5. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 6. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 7. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 8. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 9. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10; 10. H. St. Pierre (C), 2:37.10.

Simmering feud of the slopes

From Iain Macleod

Given the conservative nature of the Swiss, the rivalry between the world's leading downhill skiers, the two-time Olympic champion, and Peter Mueller, the world champion, is unlikely ever to degenerate into a public slugging match.

But, with Calgary on the horizon, the dispute between the two gets no less noisy. Neither will be willing to give much thought to the other. Zurbriegen continues to be the play-boy of the Swiss media; Mueller still cannot match his commercial appeal with the popular acclimatization of his rival.

Mueller is deemed the villain with the Swiss media. He and Zurbriegen are, admittedly, of contrasting character, though Mueller, who enjoyed his first triumph of the season at Bad Kleinkirchheim on Saturday, has been down something of a disservice by being unwittingly typecast in a role he is ill suited to play.

Perhaps it is Zurbriegen's skydiving and skyboarding ways that attract the Swiss. Mueller is seen by many as the personification of the down, colorful, little-to-the-dance character, the reality dispels many of the myths. For when the cowbells rang out at Bad Kleinkirchheim on Saturday, the Swiss media's victory was evident that there exists a degree of popular appeal.

He may yet have the last laugh on Zurbriegen, as the seventeenth downhill victory of his career came at an opportune time. Mueller has been increasingly turning to Calgary.

When their No. 2 driver, Harald Coudis, became the latest victim of the brawling Italian track after overturning, it prompted an almost instantaneous reaction from the East German team management to call it a day.

"Our drivers are finding it difficult to steer because of the amount of snow that is being put in the track, and we consider it a risk too great," an official said. "Coudis is slightly overconfident and he is going to take to Sarajevo for next week's European championships."

For five hours that made the score Cervinia 5, Rest of the World 4, with only two teams from both Britain and Italy remaining, the others all having literally fallen by the wayside.

But during that time discussions between the East German hierarchy at home and abroad at least one of their teams being reinstated.

Yet, the point of continuing all seems lost on almost every one other than those who hold the responsibility for making the decision. Already the situation has gone well beyond the national level of controversy for what is being regarded as a World Cup race.

RACING

Clear signs that Jimbalou is set to strike form

By Mandarin

Ranleigh, heavily backed last week to win the Tots Gold Trophy, must make a bold showing on his reappearance in the Racing Post Handicap Hurdle at Windsor today if he is to have a realistic chance of justifying that support at Newbury on February 13.

An impressive winner at Wolverhampton in March, Jean Hislop's five-year-old put up far and away his best performance when finishing third in the Convivial in the Whitbread Best Scotch Novices' Hurdle at Liverpool the following month when he had horses of the calibre of Tartan Tailor and Positive among those behind.

Ranleigh, one of three David Nicholson entries for the Newbury handicap, seems sure to play a prominent role this afternoon, even with 11st 13lb, but preference on this occasion is for Jimbalou.

The Roger Brazington-trained five-year-old has been slow to find his form this season but ran his best race to date when second to Meningi in a sponsored handicap at Cheltenham on New Year's Day.

After looking the likely winner at one stage, Jimbalou failed to withstand the challenge of Meningi, who had won his previous race at Ludlow and added further substance to the form when a close third behind Jamesmead and Intuition at Ascot on Friday.

I formed the impression at Cheltenham that Jimbalou would be better suited by a less testing course and that is what he encounters today. Further weight is added to that line of thought by the fact that his victory last season came at Lingfield Park.

Baby Boy, the only other member of today's field entered at Newbury, would have to improve to figure in the finish and Keynes, Moei Farnham and Zuko appear more likely dangers to my selection.

Kelly's Honor, once spoken of as a Cheltenham Gold Cup contender, has never reached those heady heights but is still fancied to gain his first success for three seasons in the Royal Windsor Handicap Chase.

The nine-year-old ran his



Tim Forster, fancied for a long-range double

best race for a long time when dividing Aquilifer and Salehurst at Newbury 16 days ago and carries only 3lb more here against inferior opposition. Thursday's Wincanton winner, Lanacre Bridge, may give him most to do.

My other principal fancy at the popular Thameside track is the Hollist, who represents the successful partnership of owner Simon Sainsbury and trainer Tim Forster.

A promising third to Bedlam and True Spark (winner since) on his debut in a 24-runner novice hurdle at Warwick, Hollist will know more about what is required of him today.

Forster should also be on the mark at Ludlow, where Free Travel will appreciate the return to two miles in the Ladbrokes Racing Handicap Hurdle.

She failed to stay 21 furlongs on her latest outing at Huntingdon but had previously run well over this trip when a close sixth to Mac's Gold at Towcester.

Deep And Even, who has shown improved form this season, is napped to gain his second win of the campaign in the Richards Castle Handicap Chase.

The Deep Run gelding proved too good for the useful Burditch Boy at Nottingham in November and ran another sound race when third, beaten half a length and the same, to Sam Rising and Charter Party at Kempton just after Christmas. This looks a less demanding proposition.

Croucher fined on day of misfortune

Paul Croucher, heading towards the best season of his career, came to Worcester yesterday for the second time in the past week as the jockey had to settle for two seconds, a £200 fine and the loss of his licence for three days.

The fine was imposed because of an incident at the last Worcester meeting on December 7, when Croucher, who had been riding for a year, struck rival jockey Mark Price with his whip. Croucher finished second on Our White Hart and Price 10th on True Spirit.

The incident did not come to light until a steward's report on the camera patrol film the day after racing. Because of the lapse of time, the stewards decided not to impose the normal suspension for improper riding of four to seven days.

Croucher was verbally abused by a punter after getting beaten on Aquilifer in the Martley Handicap Chase. All the way from the second-last, fence Aquilifer, the 11-10 on favorite, the jockey poised to pick off the front-running Mitras, but with Croucher delaying his effort, Aquilifer was still a neck behind Mitras at the post.

Aquilifer's trainer, David Murray-Smith, was quite philosophical about the defeat of his horse. "Paul was in a difficult position because he knew that in the past Aquilifer has been too idle after hitting the front. The horse also had plenty of weight and this ground was a bit stickier than he likes."

Croucher and Murray-Smith needed no excuses when Tim Frank Again, favorite for the second revision of the Novices' Hurdle, finished second for the third time in three starts.

His spring have been under a cloud for most of the season and they have produced only eight winners so far. Prime Outs however, running for the first time for nearly a year, cruised to victory and was quite untroubled by the heavy ground.

"I'm very happy after that. This is what they should all be doing. This is a very important week for me. I've got 12 runners and I don't say they all should win, but it should tell me whether they are coming back," Henderson said.

High Knowl, 12-1 Away We Go, 14-1 Intuition, Framingham Court, Noholmsden, 16-1 Steppable Lad, 20-1 her.

City rider-reporter backing for one of Nick Henderson's Triumph Hurdle contenders, Sanf Board, who is now 25-1 (from 33-1) for the five-year-old championship.

Yesterday's results Worcester

2.30 (2m 4f) 1. DROWNY (A. Smith, 20-1); 2. Sheila's Choice (B. Power, 20-1); 3. Vagabond (H. Davies, 1-2 fav); 4. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 5. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 6. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 7. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 8. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 9. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav); 10. ALDO RAN (J. G. Jones, 1-2 fav).

1.30 (2m 4f) 1. HARLEY STREET MAN (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 2. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 3. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 4. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 5. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 6. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 7. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 8. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 9. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav); 10. Farnham (H. Davies, 2-1 fav).

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WINDSOR

Selections By Mandarin

1.30 Thoroughbred
2.00 Channel Of Jazz
2.30 Hollist.

3.00 Kelly's Honor.
3.30 Channel Breeze.
4.00 Jimbalou.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 JIMBALOU (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 JIMBALOU.

Going: good to soft

1.30 RAYS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,830: 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

1	22B BIRMAZ 22 (B) (J. G. Jones) 11-10	G. Jones	11-10
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FOOTBALL

Wednesday's hopes dependent on a test of endurance

By Martin Searby and Ian Ross

One of the maxims displayed by Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, on the walls of his office reads: "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." That will prove particularly apt over the next six days as two cup ties and a league visit to Oxford United shape the rest of the season for the Yorkshire club.

Tonight they meet Arsenal in the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup, a match of which Wilkinson says: "If we lose this we have been out of the cup final, and then we would have to pick ourselves up to maintain the league form and go back to Goodison Park."

But, after a season disrupted by injuries, the manager feels that Wednesday are getting back to the strength and all-round performance he had anticipated before the start of the season. "I would rather the team were playing like this back in September but, under the circumstances, they have done pretty well to keep things together so that we can emerge with something from the season," he says.

Proctor, from Sunderland, and Owen, formerly of West Bromwich Albion and Manchester City, are starting to make an impact in the middle of the field and the days of Wednesday's long ball tactics are past with Owen, now recovered from a kidney infection, playing some perceptive passes.

But, tonight, they will be without Pearson at the heart of the defence and Proctor as both are cup-tied. However, with Morgan and Chapman, who missed Saturday's win over Chelsea, able to resume they will not feel the pinch as much as they would have done before Christmas.

Having overcome the hoodoo of Everton, whom they met at Goodison on Monday in an FA Cup third round second replay, Wednesday must also face the fact that they have not beaten Arsenal in eight cup ties since the war. Perhaps a more relevant fact is that, on the only two occasions they have beaten the London club this century, they went on to take the FA Cup in 1907 and 1935.

Graeme Hogg is poised to pull on a Manchester United shirt for only the second time this season in the quarter-final against Oxford United at the Manor Ground. With Bruce, the recent £225,000 signing from Norwich City, cup-tied, and both McGrath and Garton unavailable through injury, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has few options.

If Ferguson decides against playing the transfer-seeking Hogg he will ask Duxbury to play alongside Morin in defence and recall Strachan, the Scottish international midfielder, who was rested

against Southampton on Saturday.

With Whiteside, the Northern Ireland international, now recovered from a groin injury, Davenport again finds himself relegated to the substitutes' bench.

Manchester City's questionable residence will be put to the test when they meet Everton for a place in the semi-finals. City, whose bid to reclaim first division status has faltered over the past six weeks, travel to Goodison plagued by inconsistency.

Mindful that Everton have virtually surrendered all hope of retaining their League title and have consequently trained their sights on the two cup competitions, Mel Machin, the City manager, may take a gamble by playing with one recognized forward.

Having surprisingly allowed Adcock to join Northampton Town yesterday in a deal which brings Trevor Morley to Maine Road, Machin may decide to leave the transfer-listed Varadi on the substitutes' bench and make Stewart to plough a lone furrow up front.

Clarke, who is unable to command a regular first-team place at Everton, was told yesterday he would not be allowed to leave the club after talks about his future with the manager, Colin Harvey.

Bassett favourite for Bramall Lane

By Martin Searby

Barring technical hitches David Bassett will be appointed as the new manager of Sheffield United tomorrow following a board meeting tonight at Bramall Lane.

Dismissed from the manager's post at Watford only nine days ago, Bassett, aged 43, has let it be known that he is willing to leave the south, where he spent all his career as a player with Watford, Chelsea, Wimbledon and Watford, and he has been at the top of Sheffield United's list since Billy McEwan resigned following the 5-0 home defeat by Oldham on Jan 2.

The Sheffield chairman, Reg Brasley, was in London yesterday for the extraordinary meeting of the Football League, and I understand he took the opportunity to iron out a few points with the league manager. "You have to have a firm indication of what the people

you are considering have in mind," Brasley said.

The Sheffield United chairman will tell his board tonight that Bassett, in view of his record and his ideas, would be sure to emerge as the man for the job even if they went through the process of drawing up a short list and then interviewing half-a-dozen candidates from the 84 applicants.

In view of the former Wimbledon and Watford manager's willingness to tailor his ideas and salary demands to Sheffield's cloth, nothing will be gained by delaying the announcement, which is now expected tomorrow morning.

Bassett is likely to be offered a three-year contract and a figure not substantially less than the £33,000 per annum paid to Ian Porterfield, who left halfway through a 10-year contract, and is now the successful manager of Aberdeen.

Webb stays at Forest for two more years

By Dennis Shaw

Nottingham Forest's prospects of continuing to build a young team capable of winning honours were strengthened yesterday when Neil Webb, their midfield player, signed a new two-year contract. Webb, who has done so well for England in that position, has attached himself to Forest, at least until 1990.

Webb, who is 24, feels that since he has made rapid international progress while a Forest player, he has no need to join any other leading first division club. "I've always been happy at Forest," he said. "I suppose it was because my name has been linked with so many major clubs that I was asked to join another. I would be off at the end of the season. This was never going to be the case."

The knowledge that a player of Webb's calibre was his future at the City Ground is a boost for Forest manager, Brian Clough, as he prepares for an attempt at his first-ever FA Cup success.

At Peterborough United, of the fourth division, a League Cup trophy was won by a team of players who were linked with Forest.

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ATHLETICS: THE ASPIRING OLYMPIAN WHO TAKES EVERYTHING IN HIS STRIDE

Dispute on the foothills of home

By Mick Cleary

The road to Olympic glory is invariably a rocky one: the torments of training, the rigours of adolescence, the rigours of amateurism, and a nagging self-doubt are all time-honoured obstacles to be overcome.

Jon Ridgeon, who last year won the silver medal for 110 metres hurdles at the world championships in Rome, is no exception. He has recently been put to the test when he met Everton for a place in the semi-finals. City, whose bid to reclaim first division status has faltered over the past six weeks, travel to Goodison plagued by inconsistency.

Much of his training is done in Cambridge, close to his Newmarket home and where he is a second-year geography student. Given his subject, he might perhaps have chosen more wisely, as there are no regularly scheduled hills in the area for most athletic conditioning. So when he discovered the city's only hump, a twentieth-century castle mound, he was delighted. "It was two much, though, for the local council, who, despite it being a public footpath, banned him from using it on the grounds that he was scuffing the cherished terrain which had somehow survived intact for eight centuries."

"It's absolutely ludicrous, because I do no damage whatsoever," Ridgeon said. "The irony is that the security guards couldn't catch the kids who tagged down there, so they picked on me instead. I've always said that my speed off the mark needs to improve."

It is not just those outside the sport who are unsympathetic to the cause. Some of those within it are just as hostile. Ridgeon discovered last week at his club's indoor track in Harrogate. "One of the sprint coaches, John Isaacs, told me he'd booked all the lanes," Ridgeon said. "I explained that I needed only one to set up some hurdles. A huge argument ensued. I suppose it's just part and parcel of what being an athlete in Britain is all about — unnecessary hassle."

If all this makes Ridgeon seem rather ill-tempered, he is far from the truth. He is a bright, breezy, gregarious type who meets adversity with cheerful aplomb. If he wanted he could easily forsake his athletic career for the ideal media man. At the moment it is not an image he deliberately cultivates. He has vague aspirations about public relations work in advertising or perhaps even television. Certainly his broad good looks, swift frame and articulate tongue make him a candidate for the ideal media man.

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Thompson's build-up starts with novel event

By Pat Batchelor

The domestic indoor season, which opened surprisingly well two weeks ago, continues with some top entrants and potentially exciting competitions at the Pearl Assurance national championships at Cardiff this weekend.

With a late Olympic Games this year, many British medal hopefuls originally considered a fairly relaxed winter. But, mind-



Relaxing: Jon Ridgeon takes a break from training and studies (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

more accommodating and temperate surroundings of California.

His decision to stay in the athletics aspect of Cambridge is a career one, although he maintains that "I don't ever want to become a full-time athlete because I don't think it would suit my personality. By nature I'm fairly outgoing, and I wouldn't cope with all the introversion and neurosis of an exclusively athletic environment."

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even turned down an appearance on *Wogan* because it clashed with a training commitment in the Canary Islands.

"Athletics has got to be the priority. I'm not in it for the money, because there are lots of easier ways to make money than track and field. I don't push myself to exhaustion every day just because I might get a few bob more at the next meeting or be offered a guest spot on *Monday Night*. I do it because winning is fulfilling."

The imminent indoor season will, he hopes, sharpen his start — "If I'm level with anyone in the world at hurdle five I can beat them" — and also improve his technique. It is his natural athletic talent, he believes, that represented Suffolk in six different sports and was a final England rugby trialist at under-

16 level — which has taken him so far, as well as the spur of his intense, good-natured rivalry with Colin Jackson, the bronze medal winner in Rome.

Ridgeon accepts that money and drugs have somewhat sullied the once noble sport of athletics. In spite of all the controversies, he is honest enough with himself to acknowledge the potency of temptation.

"I'd like to think that if I were approached with the magic pill which would guarantee me gold, and which would go undetected and do me no harm, I'd still turn it down," he says. "But who knows himself that well to be absolutely sure? The lure of Olympic gold is enormous. And it's impatiently awaited after his thinking about it. If I were to win it, whatever else happened to me I would die a happy man."

half of his 110 metres event, which he felt was weak last summer. Some weakness, he won the world silver medal.

Sally Gunnell also has a plan to improve her hurdles placing. Unlike Ridgeon, it involves running four times as far. Gunnell's fine 400 metres indoor debut a fortnight ago is tempting her to move up from the sprint to the one lap hurdles. Another good 400 metres on Saturday will bolster that argument.

Barrington Williams continues his story-book heroics in the 60 metres and long jump. And Clifton Bradley's 1,500 metres is impatiently awaited after his fine comeback two weeks ago.

But the 800 metres should top the shop for competitive value. Rob Harrison, 1985 European champion, is entered, as is Denny Bily, David Sharpe, Tony Morrell, Paul Herbert and Martin Steele. I would drive to Telford to see that one.

YACHTING

New doubt cast over solo record claims

By Barry Pickthall

A Frenchman's claim to have set a one-stop record for circumnavigating the world was discredited yesterday when another solo sailor, Harry Mitchell, of Britain, insisted that Philippe Monnet had pulled into Bluff on the tip of New Zealand's South Island, and was helped with repairs to his 65ft trimaran, *Kriter Brut de Brut*.

Monnet, aged 26, returned to Brest in a blaze of publicity last April claiming to have set a non-stop record of 129 days 19 hours and 17 minutes. This was awarded to him a one-stop record after the Frenchman admitted that he had halted at Cape Town for 67 hours while he and others worked to replace a broken foresay.

Monnet has since been awarded a gold medal of achievement by the American magazine, *Sailing World*, and listed among the top 10 yachtsmen of the year in the British annual, *Sailing Year*. However, last month, *The Times* cast further doubt on Monnet's integrity by disclosing that the Frenchman had stopped to accept replacements for video equipment destroyed during a fire on board.

At the same time, the Frenchman also admitted to anchoring in Bluff to check his boat before continuing towards Cape Horn, but stated that he did not accept outside assistance.

Mitchell disputes this. "He moored up alongside the quay in Bluff harbour and had two people on board helping him to replace the equipment that had come out from France," he said.

Mitchell's report was confirmed yesterday by Stefan Herrick, a journalist with the *Southland Times*, which ran a story and picture of Monnet's arrival at Bluff on February 13. Herrick explained in his article that the Frenchman had to stay on board during the stop-over to avoid jeopardizing his record claim, but the paper later received three calls from readers who said they had seen Monnet having dinner in the local hotel.

Neil Sutherland, the manager of the Bluff Engineering Company, who was called to do some welding repairs aboard the yacht, recalled that the sponsor's film crew "arrived with the spars in a helicopter" while Dave Yeowell, the *Southland* Harbour pilot, confirmed that "both the film crew and a customs officer went aboard during the stay."

The rules for solo circumnavigations were set in 1968 and bar competitors from gaining any outside assistance.

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SQUASH RACKETS

An English siren lures her rival to her doom

By Colin McQuillan

The British women's under-23 open championship at Lamb Club, London, is becoming a major event. The semi-finals of this higher stage of junior play, losing 9-3, 9-6, 9-3 in 24 minutes to Michelle Martin, of Australia.

Miss Vardy, at 16, has time on her side. Against the tall and unusually attractive Miss Martin, who is 20 and the younger sister of the talented Rod and Brett Martin, from Englewood, near Sydney, she scarcely competed.

The Mansfield girl is not without her own physical charm, but she will need to overcome what seems to be a psychological weakness against the more bronzed Antipodean beauties if she is to challenge them seriously in future years.

RESULTS (GB letters stand): Quarter-finals: Miss J. Vardy (GB) 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; Miss M. Martin (AUS) 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; Miss S. Vardy (AUS) 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; Miss M. Vardy (AUS) 9-3, 9-6, 9-3.

The new British under-19 champion is Donna Vardy, of Nottinghamshire, who lost the

MOTOR RALLYING

Saby eases off as Loubet crashes out

By John Goodbody

Monte Carlo (Reuters) — Bruno Saby, of France, was poised for a victory in his long career after his Lancia colleague, Yves Loubet, crashed out of the Monte Carlo Rally. More than 10 minutes separated Saby from the second-placed Alessandro Fiorio, of Italy, at the end of three days and 17 timed stages.

The former world champion, Timo Salonen, was making a determined effort to catch the leading group after dropping to 49th position on Sunday but, trailing Saby by over 28 minutes, he appeared to have too much ground to make up.

The Finnish driver, in a Mazda 323, pulled out all the stops yesterday, recording his first timed stage victory in the French Alps and moving up to fifth overall as Saby protected his lead.

"I've taken my foot off a bit since the outset, but I am sure, although it gives me more time to think, which can be dangerous," Saby said. Loubet crashed off the road in the third stage of the day.

PROVINCIAL OVERALL STANDINGS after 14 timed stages: 1. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 2. A. Fiorio (I) Lancia Beta; 3. A. Salonen (F) Lancia Beta; 4. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 5. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 6. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 7. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 8. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 9. Saby (F) Lancia Beta; 10. Saby (F) Lancia Beta.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

If this is February it must be Calgary

By John Goodbody

About 500 British spectators will be going to next month's Winter Olympics in Calgary, nearly five times as many people who watched the 1984 Games in Sarajevo.

Michael Norris, chairman of Sportsworld, the official British travel agent for the Games, said yesterday: "The appeal of the event has caught us by surprise. We had originally expected upwards of 100 but fortunately we reserved plenty of places. The cost of holidays ranges from £58 to £1,700."

Although the air fare is more expensive than to Yugoslavia and there will be no British competitor with the charisma of Torvill and Dean, who won gold medals in 1984, Norris said: "There seems really strong

SNOW REPORTS

Seoul number may rise

By John Goodbody

The deadline for accepting invitations to take part in the Olympic Games in Seoul may have passed, but the record number of 161 competing nations could yet be added to.

Only six countries have failed to respond and, of those, North Korea and Ethiopia may still be accommodated. Will Deume, International Olympic Committee (IOC) eligibility commis-

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enthusiasm with many people going to Canada with a specific sport in mind. There is also the opportunity of being able to visit friends and relatives out there."

Norris says he has already had about 1,000 serious inquiries for the Summer Olympics in Seoul and is preparing brochures. Just under 100 British spectators went to the Los Angeles Games, despite the high cost of tickets and difficulties with convenient accommodation.

Norris said: "The price for tickets at Seoul is exorbitant — between \$4 and \$17 for many sports. The Koreans are keen to make it a showpiece to the world. We are expecting more people to make the trip to Seoul than did to Los Angeles."

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Privatization protest gathers pace

The campaign against the Government's proposals to privatize "council-run" sport and leisure facilities gained momentum yesterday when the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU), backed by two leading sportswomen, brought out a booklet opposing the plans.

In *Local Authority Leisure, A Sporting Chance*, the LGIU says that "whether the proposals are introduced into the Local Government Bill, or in an order later, the end result is the same. They present enormous practical problems of implementation through dividing up a

service which, at present, is very integrated."

It says the long-term consequences of the proposals are bound to lead to a decrease in sports and leisure facilities available to the country as a whole.

Supporting the campaign yesterday was Gwyneth Stanley, the captain of the British women's swimming team, and Judy Simpson, Britain's top heptathlete.

"I am not into jaccuzzi or exclusive squash clubs," Simpson said, "and I feel that the government's proposed bill does not support the sport for all

policy. Rugby athletics club, for example, would not have been able to exist under the provisions of privatization and that is where I discovered athletics."

Privatization plans will be strongly opposed by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA). "We are preparing a petition sheet and will ask at least the 35,000 registered competitors we have to sign it," David Reeves, the ASA secretary, said.

"We will then send samples of the petition to all the other sporting governing bodies in the hope that they will follow us in a march down Whitehall."

FOR THE RECORD

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By John Goodbody

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How the cameras caught a hooligan in the act



The effectiveness of and need for closed circuit television at football grounds is starkly illustrated in this sequence from a video taken at Plough Lane during Wimbledon's home match with West Ham United earlier this season (Ian Stafford writes).

Seconds before the first frame was shot this young man had hurled a glass bottle into the penalty area where a throng of players were standing. The missile fell harmlessly on to the turf, but it could easily have resulted in an horrific incident. Mark Bailey, an 18-year-old carpenter from East Ham, had not reckoned with Plough Lane's closed circuit television, which filmed him as he gratefully accepted the bottle from his neighbour on the away supporters' terraces and threw it on to the pitch. The second frame in the sequence, taken 57 seconds later, shows Bailey being apprehended by police.

In the third, taken nearly two minutes after the second, he is being led away.

Police suspected there would be some trouble at the match, which was played on September 12. Bailey's contribution to football hooliganism was spotted by neither policemen on patrol nor club stewards. If it was not for the recently-installed video system, the only eye-witness, he would have been undetected and walked away scot-free. He appeared in Wimbledon Magistrates Court on January 6 and, having been told that his action was caught perfectly on film, he pleaded guilty and was fined £50 and ordered to pay £15 costs. He will suffer further indignity when the BBC's *Sportnight* programme broadcasts the film tonight.

The use of CCTV, the system operated at Wimbledon, is one of the best examples of

how football in Britain has clamped down on crowd trouble since the Haysel Stadium disaster in May 1985. Bert Millichip, the Football Association chairman, and Philip Carter, the Football League president, will press home this point when they meet UEFA in Monte Carlo this morning to discuss the lifting of the European ban on English clubs.

The Football Trust, funded entirely by the pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their spot-the-ball competitions, has provided the means to spot the troublemaker. Altogether £2 million has been spent or allocated by the Trust for the installation of CCTV at 66 Barclays League grounds (including the whole of the first and second divisions), 15 Scottish grounds and at Wembley, Windsor Park in Belfast and, soon, Ninian Park in Cardiff.

A further £300,000 has been made available this month for the improvement of systems at top clubs using new technology. Tomorrow Britain's most extensive system, 265,000 worth of it at Glasgow's Hampden Park, will be announced. If this makes head reading for the hooligan then there is worse to come.

The British Transport Police now uses mobile CCTV units at railway and underground stations to produce one long identity parade. A total of £550,000 has been allocated for new projects over the next two years to improve transport facilities, £100,000 to the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research at Leicester University to examine the causes of football violence, and a further £250,000 to the Centre for Criminological Research at Oxford University to examine the role that

sport can play in combating crime in the inner cities.

"The Haysel disaster concentrated the minds of everyone concerned in football in the measures needed to eliminate crowd violence," Richard Finkler, the Trust's deputy chairman, said. "We believe that, as far as disorder inside grounds is concerned, the problem is now under control and there is still work to be done in eliminating incidents away from the stadiums and to this end we are committing fresh sums of money for new preventative measures."

The tragic fact is that it took the lives of 39 football supporters in one night of insanity to accelerate the drive to curb hooliganism. But all authorities concerned are now convinced that they have the tools, the answer to crowd trouble and a certain youth from East Ham will not argue with that.

END COLUMN

Putting a roof on centre court

From Richard Evans Melbourne

Ted Tilling, contractor, umpire, *chef de protocol* and one-time player, becomes more extraordinary with every passing year. He has seen 77 years so far, 63 of them in intimate involvement with a game he follows, publishes and occasionally prods into action with undiminished enthusiasm.

After marvelling at the futuristic structure that has sprouted by the grassy banks of the River Yarra to give Australia the most modern tennis facility in the world, Tilling sat at his desk in the Victorian State Government's office of the Victorian Tennis Centre at Flinders Park and considered the implications.

"Nothing as far-sighted as this has happened to tennis since the All England Club moved from Worple Road, just after the First World War," he said. "But now one has to consider Wimbledon's position which, of course, is very dear to my heart. They have never been content to accept second best and I just hope they get 'breezy' and lay another egg."

The eyes twinkled wickedly, as they do when Tilling is planning yet another new thought in the frequently arid tennis garden. He was asked to explain.

"Well, face the facts," he replied. "Wimbledon has the best cost, the best direction and the best presentation but the magnitude of this new stadium here in Melbourne has shown their theatre to be shrewd. The first time it rains at Wimbledon this year all you guys are going to scream 'Where's the roof?'"

So what is the solution, tear down the centre court and rebuild it? "That is not feasible because it can't be done."

Tilling: still enthusiastic inside a year and you must have continuity," Tilling, who works as player-umpire officer at the championships, said. "The details are not for me to get into but I would have thought the space available next door in Atrium Park is worth looking at."

Members of the All England Club committee have been in Melbourne this week staring in admiration, like everyone else at the huge arena with its perfect line of vision for each of its 15,000 seats. Although custom-built for tennis, Flinders Park has the flexibility to accommodate all manner of entertainment and will accommodate the proposed London 2000 in the Docklands gets under way Britain, let alone Wimbledon, can offer nothing remotely comparable.

Although he has always preferred to search for answers in the future rather than the past, Tilling found himself comparing the spirit, fired by the bicentennial celebrations, which has surrounded the opening of Flinders Park to the most of nationalistic pride which lay behind the decision to build Stade Roland Garros in the Twenties.

"Suzanne Lenglen and the Four Musketeers had aroused enormous passion in France," Tilling recalled. "Roland Garros was built for them and it is difficult to understand the elation everyone felt at the time. Just getting away from the old stadium at St Cloud with its wooden stands was like a release from the past."

Betty Nuthall defeated Jeanne Vanoudon in the first match of a special France v Britain women's event organized on the weekend before the opening of Roland Garros and, as he heard his 6ft 6in frame up into the umpire's chair, even Tilling's considerable imagination could not have envisaged the towering edifice that would dwarf him, all of 60 years later, on the other side of the world.

Every day this fortnight the great domed head has emerged on centre court to introduce the day's play because Tilling is still very much a working part of the tennis family. There cannot be many people who have been actively involved in the game since 1928. But Tilling is unique. He's not just helping to cut the ribbon if a new centre court at Wimbledon gets built.

Maxwell's path blocked

By Clive White

The growing football empire of Robert Maxwell, the publishing magnate, was firmly held in check yesterday by his fellow League chairmen when they took a decision which prevents him from buying Watford Football Club unless he sells the lion's share of his interests in Derby County, Oxford United and Reading.

But the chairmen, who met at an extraordinary general meeting in London to vote on the tightening of the rule governing dual shareholdings, did decide that the amendment to regulation 80 should not be retrospective. By 44 votes to 17, with one abstention, they voted for one of the softer options available to them which allows a major shareholder in one club to hold a 10 per cent shareholding in as many other clubs as he wishes.

It means that Maxwell, who was not present at the meeting, can retain his interest in three clubs just as countless other people can retain theirs.

Philip Carter, the League president, warned that if Maxwell should attempt to purchase Watford without selling most of his other interests it would leave the League with little option but to fine or expel Watford from the Football League. Elton John, the



Three wise men: Ron Nades, Crystal Palace chairman, Philip Carter, League president, and Graham Kelly (right), League secretary, meeting yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Watford chairman, expressed his concern about the future viability of his club to the fellow chairmen but refused to comment afterwards on their decision.

"One can make the point that status quo has been achieved," Carter said. He explained that the reason for his clandestine meeting with Maxwell on December 5 was to "move things forward". He said: "The agreement I had with him was at least that he

would sell his interests in Reading and Oxford with the possibility in the future of selling his shares in Derby depending on the club's financial liability.

"I think when I explained the background to everybody today there was general acceptance of the situation and they felt that the best interests of football had been followed."

Carter said that several first division clubs felt that his initiative back in December

had "more merit than that which we now find ourselves in." Eleven first division clubs voted against the resolution which achieved its two-thirds majority by just two votes.

"In the discussions that I held with Maxwell with David Dein we felt that in the long term we could see a situation where Mr Maxwell and his family would have dissociated themselves for all but the Watford club," Carter indicated that Maxwell had

offered his shares in Reading to Roger Stone, the chairman, who had "responded."

Carter continued: "I think the situation is now completely in Mr Maxwell's hands. It's up to him to realize that if he wants to have Watford he must under the new regulation dispense with the other two clubs. If you wish to do that he may want to have a discussion with the management committee on the question of timing."

The League chairmen have made a proviso in their regulations whereby it might be possible for someone who has a sizeable interest in one club to have more than 10 per cent shareholding in another if that club were in financial difficulties.

There is a feeling among the committee members that if a case were to come before them that warranted a decision outside the scope of the regulations, it might be better for an independent arbitrator to be appointed.

Carter, who stressed that he did not think that this was applicable to the Watford situation, said: "Personally I would take such an idea on board. I think it is a considerable problem for the management committee to adjudicate on such matters if there were many of them."

Ban decision to be delayed until summer

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Monte Carlo

The executive committee of UEFA meets here today, but it is unlikely that the ban on English clubs from European competition will be lifted until the summer. The domestic authorities can realistically hope to hear little more than an echo of the words uttered by Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, on Monday.

He insisted that Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, and Philip Carter, the president of the League, should follow the Government's policy. The re-admission of English clubs, in other words, must be conditional on the behaviour of the supporters during the European championship finals.

Hans Bangerter, who is completing the last of his 29 years as UEFA's secretary, said yesterday that the committee had been "thinking along the same lines. I made a similar point to the British representatives at the Council of Europe only last week in Strasbourg."

Bangerter indicated that the committee is understandably not yet prepared to take the

risk of unleashing English thugs on the continent. "If we make the wrong decision," he said, "and it proves that the English problem has not been solved, the consequences for your game would be grave."

In stating that "there will be no decision tomorrow," he emphasized that any delay would be for the sake of the future not only of English clubs but also of the game itself. "People don't realize the huge responsibility UEFA now has to other countries."

"Crowd violence used to be a small factor in European football. Now it dominates the whole sport. We have worked for hours, weeks and months since the Haysel tragedy. You cannot quantify the time that has been poured into the subject over the last two years and a half."

Providing that no disturbances are caused during the rest of the domestic season, UEFA's committee will probably agree to unlock England's door to Europe at its meeting in Scotland on May 3. Only after the finals in West Germany have been completed, will it be opened.

Gasser's appeal is rejected by IAAF

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Sandra Gasser's appeal against a two-year ban for drug abuse has been turned down by the International Amateur Athletic Federation arbitration committee.

However, the Swiss middle-distance runner maintained that she was going to continue her fight for reinstatement, and Georg Kemel, the president of her domestic federation, said that he had had high-level assurance that Miss Gasser's two urine specimens were so different under analysis that there was doubt that they came from the same sample.

The arbitration panel made its decision late on Monday evening after a seven-hour hearing. The rejection was described as "final and binding," and a spokeswoman for the IAAF yesterday said that there was no indication as to whether it was a majority decision or unanimity among the three panels.

Nor were specific reasons given, apart from: "It has not been established that the investigation was not carried out in accordance with rule 144

[IAAF regulation referring to banned substances], or the recommended doping procedures."

But Kemel, on his return to Switzerland yesterday, said: "They said that the difference between the A and B sample was not so big. They accepted the opinion of Rosati [the Italian head of the Roman testing laboratory]. But Manfred Donike told the IAAF on January 14 that the difference between the two samples is so big, it would be unbelievable to condemn her. Donike doubted it was the same sample." Dr Donike is the head of one of the most respected international testing laboratories, in Cologne.

The IAAF ruling also stressed its own autonomy over international athletics, a reference to the decision of a civil court in Bern, which gave Gasser permission to run domestically. Miss Gasser said that she would decide today whether she would turn up to compete in a national indoor meeting in Magglingen on Friday evening, and Kemel said that he did not see how she could be legally stopped.

Confession retracted

Oso (Reuters) - A growing scandal over alleged steroid sales in the world of international speed skating took a bizarre new twist yesterday when the central figure in the affair changed his story.

The Norwegian Sports Confederation had said on Monday that the Norwegian speed skater, Stein Kroby, admitted buying Soviet-made steroids for western currency from the Olympic medal hope, Nikolai Gulyayev, since 1983, during Gulyayev's visit to Norway.

Kroby now maintains that he and Gulyayev made a verbal agreement last year that Gulyayev would supply him with Soviet-made steroids in exchange for Norwegian crowns.

BERN - The American skier, Kerry Lynch, was barred from international competition at least until the end of 1988 after acknowledging he practised blood doping at the last world championship (AP reports).

Vatanen is disqualified

From Jeremy Hart, Moudjeria, Mauritania

Ari Vatanen, whose £150,000 Peugeot was stolen from near the hotel where he was sleeping in Bamako, has been disqualified from the Paris to Dakar rally. Although the Finn's car was recovered damaged from a rubbish dump, he started the stage to Kayes two and a half hours after the rest of the field. It was his lateness which led to his disqualification yesterday.

With the bit between his teeth, Vatanen stormed through the dust clouds and past other competitors to finish the 510-kilometre stage in eighth position, only 37 minutes behind the leader, Juha Karunkinen, his team colleague. Vatanen finished the stage as rally leader by 24 minutes.

But, in Paris, FISA, the sport's ruling body, let it be



PARIS TO DAKAR

known that if Vatanen was not disqualified for his late start, no professional rally driver would compete in the event again. The organizers bowed to Paris on-high. Vatanen was disqualified and, to add insult to injury, was also penalized two hours and a half for his delayed start.

Peugeot lodged an appeal, the result of which will be known next month, and Vatanen left Kayes with his

co-driver, Bruno Berglund, for the 282-kilometre stage to Moudjeria.

In Mauritania Vatanen proved that, whatever happens, he will be the moral victor. He finished the stage in second position, behind Henri Pescarolo in the third Peugeot. Karunkinen leads overall after finishing third yesterday.

The French motor cyclist, Jean-Claude Hugot, who suffered head injuries in a fall on Sunday, died in hospital on Tuesday. Hugot, aged 32, failed to regain consciousness after falling from his machine. He is the fourth fatality in this year's rally.

RESULTS: 1. H. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 11:25; 2. A. Vatanen (Peugeot), 11:35; 3. A. Karunkinen (Peugeot), 11:55; 4. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 12:05; 5. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 12:15; 6. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 12:25; 7. K. Karunkinen (Peugeot), 12:35; 8. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 12:45; 9. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 12:55; 10. A. Pescarolo (Peugeot), 13:05.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Funding row over

The Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation yesterday settled their two-year dispute over funding. The Council, which distributes the £38 million the Government directly provides for British sport, will now give the CCPR a further £204,000 for the year 1986-87 making total of £480,000.

It has also agreed that the Community Sports Leaders Award Scheme, which was set up by the CCPR, will be run through a new charity.

Wheeler deal

San Sebastian (AFP) - Stephen Roche, Ireland's world champion and winner of the Tour de France and Italy, signed for his new Spanish cycling team here yesterday.



Roche: in action

Court bout

Barry McGuigan's former manager, B J Eastwood, will be seeking a clarification in the Northern Ireland High Court on a ruling last year which he claims gave him the right to promote McGuigan's first two contests. The hearing is set for March 1.

Have a heart

Clive Lloyd, Frank Bruno, Tessa Sanderson, Terry Marsh and Jonathan Burroughs will take part in a 24-hour squash marathon at the Lamb Club, London, tomorrow and Friday in aid of the Children's Heart Intensive Care Unit at Harefield Hospital.

Bowled over

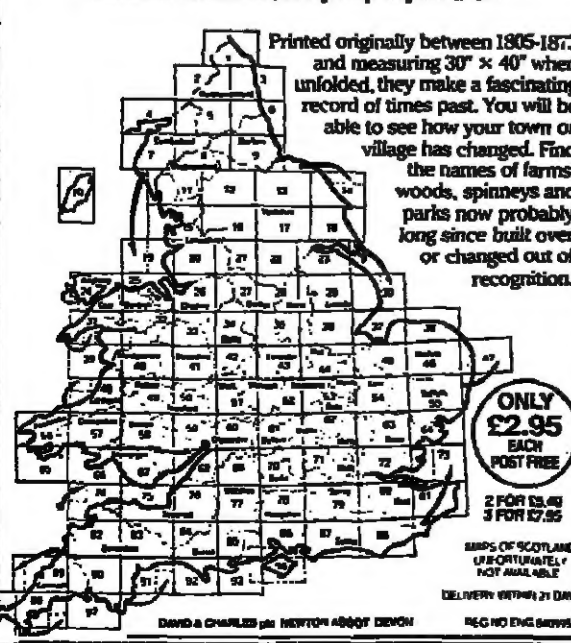
National Westminster Bank will sponsor the British Isles outdoor bowling championship and international matches for a four-year period to the tune of £120,000, it was announced yesterday.

Break time

Peter Jones, the Gloucester rugby union club prop, is to give up the game at top class level for the rest of the season.

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